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Reagan sees hope for Mideast talks

WASHINGTON (JTA)— President Ronald Reagan has expressed optimism that moderate Arab States are moving toward negotiations with Israel and said the United States will "do everything we can to hopefully encourage this trend. . . .

"I think that there has been some trust built up by moderate Arab states to see us us an intermediary," Reagan said in an interview last week in the Washington Times. But he stressed that the U.S. is "not trying to negotiate the peace" between Israel and the Arab states. "They have to negotiate the peace," he said.

Reagan said that "Syria . . . still is the stumbling block," but went on to imply that Damascus' decision to allow Lebanon to hold negotiations with Israel on Israeli troop withdrawal could be viewed as a positive step.

In addition to the Israeli-Lebanese talks, the President gave as reasons for believing there is a move toward negotiations Jordan's restoration of diplomatic ties with Egypt, which he said "kind of strengthens Egypt's position as being accepted back in the Arab community even though it has the peace treaty with Israel;" the resumption of U.S.-Iraqi ties broken by Baghdad in 1967; and the holding of a Palestine National Council meeting in Amman rather than Damascus.

"I think these things are all leading toward the possibility of getting the Arab states to agree to negotiate," Reagan said. "You see, they've been sitting there with the position that they refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist as a nation. Well, you can't negotiate with someone until that's removed.

Meanwhile, Egypt's United Nations Ambassador Ahmed Khalil said during a United Nations General Assembly debate on the Middle East last week that his country believes that a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict requires an immediate Israeli withdrawal from all

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Hussein attacks Camp David pact

CAIRO —

Jordan's King Hussein surprised his hosts here over the weekend by attacking the Camp David Accords, which Egypt signed together with Israel in 1979.

The Jordanian monarch, making his first visit to Egypt in eight years, said Camp David had not addressed itself sufficiently to the status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and had excluded the PLO.

Hussein demanded a return of all occupied territories, including East Jerusalem. He spoke to the Egyptian parliament.

Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian president, did not defend Camp David in his speech, but he did say that the resumption of ties between Egypt and Jordan would help the Arabs in "protecting their land from aggression" — a tacit reference to Israel.

FIRST ETHIOPIAN NURSE

The first Ethiopian Jewish immigrant to graduate as a registered nurse in Israel, Zina Abebe, receives her degree from deputy minister of health Shoshana Arbelli-Almozlino, in ceremonies held recently at the Tel Aviv Medical Centre Nursing School.

Partition anniversary produces less unrest

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Unrest rippled through East Jerusalem and West Bank last week as Palestinian Arabs marked the 37th anniversary of the United Nations partition decision — a day of national protest, with demonstrations and scattered violence.

But military sources said the disturbances were fewer and less serious than on the same occasion in previous years. There was no commercial strike as there had been in the past. Shops remained open.

In Bethlehem, several dozen Arab youths attempted to attack the local police station but were driven off. Police fired into the air and detained a number of suspects.

Rock-throwing incidents and tire burnings were reported in Ramallah, in Khader village south of Bethlehem, Nablus and the Shuafat neighborhood in East Jerusalem. Schools in those localities were closed for the day.

Nov. 29, 1947 is the date of the UN General Assembly resolution to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. For that reason, November is generally a month of unrest on the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

This November, the propensity for violence was increased by the meeting in Amman, Jordan of the Palestine National Council, convened by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat.

That event triggered battles between pro and anti-Arafat elements among West Bank youths, mainly on college campuses, which spilled into the streets and turned into stone-throwing melees against Israeli vehicles and troops sent to quell the violence. Two Arab youths were killed and a number were wounded when soldiers fired into stone-throwing mobs.

But with the PNC meeting over, violence seemed on the wane. Military sources expect the territories to be quiet for a while. When the cold weather sets in, the youths stay off the street.

New U.S. leadership pro-Israel

Support in Senate holds

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

The new leadership in the Republican controlled Senate, which was elected last week, is expected to maintain the pro-Israel position of the outgoing Congress, one of the most supportive ever of Israel, and may even improve on this record.

This includes Senator Robert Dole, who was elected majority Leader; Senator Alan Simpson, who was elected Dole's deputy; and Senator Richard Lugar, who will be chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, when the 99th congress convenes in January.

Outgoing majority leader Howard Baker, who is retiring from the Senate to seek the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1988, supported aid for Israel and other issues of importance to the Jewish state but he was not among the leading advocates of Israel in Congress.

But Dole, who is also expected to seek the presidency in 1988, has been a staunch supporter of Israel since coming to the Senate in 1969. He has close ties to the Jewish community and frequently speaks before Jewish organizations.

Dole has supported all aid programs for Israel and, as chairman of the Senate finance committee, helped guide the Free Trade Association bill between Israel and the United States through the Senate this year.

While opposing the Carter administration's sale of F-15s to Saudia Arabia in 1978, Dole supported the Reagan administration in its sale of AWACS to the Saudis in 1981.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) last April, he urged support of aid to moderate Arab countries because of the Soviet threat to the Middle East.

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Jewish groups protest White House creche

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A National Park Service decision to use government funds to sponsor a Nativity creche, on public park land near the White House was criticized last week by three national Jewish civic rights organizations.

The American Jewish Congress asserted the plan violated court orders. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith challenged the federal agency's claim it was constitutional for it to set up a Nativity scene near the White House.

Dr. Robert Gordis, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said the committee planned to bring a brief before the Supreme Court, signed by it and the National Council of Churches, to challenge "the display of religious symbols on public property."

Theodore Mann, AJC president, in a letter to Interior Secretary William Clark, said the decision violated Federal Court of Appeals rulings in 1970 and 1977 barring the use of government funds for that purpose.

He said the creche is to be displayed as part of an annual Christmas pageant for peace in Washington, Nativity scenes have been included in previous pageants but paid for by private funds, he said.

Mann wrote that the Park Service rejected an offer from a private group to pay for the creche, deciding to use public funds, relying on a Supreme Court decision earlier this year in "Lynch v. Donnelly" which approved public funding for a creche on private property in Pawtucket, RI.

Declaring that the decision reflected "an affirmative and unseemly desire on the part of the Park Service to identify itself with a particular religion, Mann said the service was "ignoring an outstanding court order" in the belief that that order had been superseded by "a subsequent court decision."

Mann declared "we do

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Early deadlines

Because of the holiday season, all editorial and advertising deadlines during December will be advanced.

Editorial deadline for the Dec. 20 (Chanukah) issue is Tuesday noon, Dec. 11 for Toronto: Monday noon, Dec. 10 for Montreal.

Advertising deadline for the Dec. 20 issue is: Wednesday noon, Dec. 12 in Montreal and Toronto.

Holiday week deadlines will be announced in the next issue.

NBC's Kalb receives job at state department

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Bernard Kalb, state department reporter for NBC Television, has been named spokesman for the state department, effective Jan. 1. He succeeds John Hughes, who returns to the field of journalism.

Kalb has covered the state department since 1970 along with his brother Marvin, first for CBS and then for the NBC. He previously was a foreign correspondent for the New York Times. Marvin is currently chief diplomatic correspondent for NBC.

Kalb will hold the title of assistant secretary of state for public affairs and his appointment, which will be made officially by President Reagan, will have to be confirmed by the Senate.

Both Marvin and Bernard have been on the Israel Bonds and United Jewish Appeal circuits as speakers and have appeared at fund raising events in Canada on numerous occasions.

Jerry Lampert named national Tory director

OTTAWA —

Jerry Lampert, 39, an Ottawa native, has been named national director of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Lampert, who was co-director of operations during the 1984 election campaign, has worked for the PCs at both the federal and provincial levels.

From 1981 to 1984, he was executive director and provincial campaign manager for the Social Credit Party in British Columbia; for four years preceding that post, he was the Eastern Ontario field organizer for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party.

A graduate of Carleton University in political science, he worked for the family business, Samuel Lampert and Co., before going to PC headquarters in Ottawa in 1974.

He succeeds Janis Johnson, who has returned to Winnipeg.

World-National

Refugee story packs power in symbolism

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

West Germany and Switzerland were the first stages of my European inquiry into the methods used to receive and recognize refugees. By coincidence, the newspapers greeted me on my very first day with a story that had distinctly biblical overtones: two southeast Asian families who were threatened with deportation sought refuge in a Hamburg church house. Traditionally, churches were a place of refuge for those trying to escape the authorities (hence the term sanctuary), a practice that was based on the biblical law of refuge (Numbers ch. 35) and found its continued applications in Christian medieval Europe.

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For me, the revival of this ancient practice had a strong symbolic meaning. For, beginning with the Torah's repeated injunction to love the stranger, it was religious institutions above all which kept alive a sense of universal responsibility for the displaced, the persecuted, the hungry, and those in search of permanent home and a better life. Not surprisingly, the Hamburg authorities were hesitant to proceed with their deportation order and the matter was temporarily in abeyance.

In Germany, as in Switzerland, border controls have been tightened. "Foreigners" who yesterday were urgently invited to work in Central Europe and were promised a bright future, are now facing a different economic and political climate and have become distinctly unwelcome.

The Jews of the 1930s were considered the "foreign" element in Germany and Switzerland; they have now been replaced by the Turks. Refugees who 10 years ago would have been accepted with little question are today scrutinized for years, or rejected quickly. In Switzerland the rate of acceptance has fallen from 80% in the 1970s to 25% in the last few months, and is expected to drop even lower.

In my mind it revived memories of the 30s when Jews fleeing the Nazis were all too often turned back at the border.

However, foreigners were not the main concern of Bonn and Geneva during my brief stay there. It was rather Rainer Barzel, the president of the German bundestag (parliament) whose political life was on the line. Accused of having entered into certain financial arrangements to the tune of $500,000, he denied all wrongdoing, but was eventually forced from office. Similar proceedings against another former minister, Count Lambsdorff, are still pending.

The affaire Barzel was the main topic of discussion not only in Germany, but in other Central European countries as well. The Journal de Geneve, a respected Swiss daily, emphasized that the Barzel affair had a salutary side effect. Recalling the 70s, when many people began to doubt the viability of German democracy, it judged Germany's democratic fabric to have been strengthened enormously. The German people, in an orderly and democratic fashion, had insisted that their government be public and that their representatives not only be honest, but be seen to be so. The Barzel affair was therefore heartening for all Germany watchers.

My arrival in Geneva fell on an historic day. Elisabeth Kopp, who was the first woman to be elected to the Swiss parliament also became the first of her sex to assume a cabinet post, as federal justice of police minister — and this only a few years after Switzerland gave women the right to vote.

But despite Mrs. Kopp, Swiss women still have far to go toward any sense of equality. The kinds of questions which have long been settled in Canada and covered by Human Rights codes are only now beginning to enter the public agenda in Switzerland, where most women still do not work and are expected to take their traditional place in the home.

A recently arrived Canadian woman told me of the difficulty she had experienced in trying to conduct any financial transaction without first producing her husband's express permission.

The weather in Europe changes more quickly and dramatically than in Canada, and the political climate, too, is often volatile. Realistically and symbolically I took my overcoat with me every morning before I left the hotel . . . just in case.

Cairo seeking more U.S. aid

Token thaw expected from Egypt

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

U.S. officials are expecting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to authorize some modest steps aimed at improving relations with Israel in the coming weeks and months. Why? They cited Egypt's pending requests for increased economic and military assistance from the United States.

The triangular relationship between Washington, Cairo and Jerusalem has become a permanent fact of life since the late President Sadat's journey to Jerusalem in November 1977. Thus, when Egyptians make decisions affecting Israel, repercussions are also felt in the U.S.

Under Mubarak, ties between Israel and Egypt have been strained. The Egyptians blame Israeli policies on the West Bank and in Lebanon. Israeli officials argue that Egypt, under Mubarak, has been merely seeking to regain support in the Arab world and that the "cold peace" would probably have developed irrespective of any controversial Israeli policies.

State department officials in Washington take a middle position. They are prepared to criticize both Israel and Egypt for contributing to the deterioration.

They note, for example, that such Israeli actions as the continued establishment of West Bank settlements, the destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, the extension of Israeli law to the Golan Heights, and the invasion of Lebanon were certainly destabilizing to the bilateral Israeli-Egyptian relationship.

At the same time, the Americans are more than willing to criticize Egypt's own less-than-forthcoming attitude toward Israel, especially the refusal to return its ambassador to Tel Aviv despite hard assurances that that would be done.

Secretary of State George Shultz is known to be personally very irritated by the Egyptian refusal to live up to what he believes was a commitment to send the ambassador back, following the signing of last year's ill-fated Israeli-Lebanese security agreement. Shultz had been instrumental in mediating that accord, which has since been scrapped. As a result, Shultz has lost some of his earlier confidence in Egypt's good intentions.

Overall, Egyptian policy, as seen by American experts, has been rather consistent. During several interviews, they predicted that Egypt will continue to try to improve its position in the Arab world. At the same time, they expressed doubt that the Egyptians would allow their relationship with Israel to totally collapse, given Egyptian dependence on the U.S. for so much economic and military assistance.

Indeed, they agreed that during this upcoming period of final budget deliberations in the Reagan administration, there might even be some superficial effort to improve ties with Israel. They predicted that Mubarak would symbolically dispatch yet another special emissary to Israel for talks with Prime Minister Peres although they expressed doubt that the ambassador himself would be returned. (See also CJN Nov. 29.)

Low-level emissary

Israeli officials in Washington, for their part, are deeply concerned over Egyptian policy. They belittled the importance of the special emissary, insisting that he probably would be "low-level" with little real authority.

What is clear to most observers in Washington is that Egypt is not going to formally break its peace treaty commitments with Israel because that would have very serious and immediate consequences.

Egyptian officials recognize, for example, that Israel is still a formidable military power. Given the very expensive and painful concessions made in Sinai, Israel would understandably be deeply angered by any such move.

They also know that very few U.S. senators and congressmen would be willing to vote for billions of dollars in additional economic and military assistance to an Egypt which ripped up the peace treaty.

The major reason why Egypt has become such a large U.S. aid recipient involves its peace with Israel. Indeed, aid levels to Egypt are informally linked to those of Israel. Everytime Israel receives some increases, Egypt tends to automatically benefit.

"That may be different this year," one U.S. official predicted the other day citing the record Israel requests for increases and the concern in Washington over Egyptian policies.

Any Egyptian move to completely sever ties with Israel would automatically have to be accompanied by an Egyptian decision to move away from Washington and back toward Moscow. The prevailing U.S. assessment is that Mubarak's regime — especially his military officers — have no such desire. They have become hooked on U.S. military technology. They prefer dealing with Americans rather than Soviets.

All of which suggests that the coming months will witness more of the same in terms of Israeli-Egyptian relations — cool but correct. The letter of the treaty will be observed, if not the spirit.

The Egyptians have benefited from the peace treaty. For one thing, the Sinai oilfields which Israel returned have helped to make the Egyptians a net oil-exporting country. Income from those oilfields — including the several hundred million dollars a year spent by Israel in purchasing some of that oil — has been very helpful.

Potential pitfalls

The direct U.S. economic and military aid transfers to Egypt — including enormous amounts of food stocks — have also become very significant in maintaining the Egyptian standard of living and defence capability. But all of that would quickly collapse in the face of a total rupture with Israel.

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There are still some potential pitfalls on the horizon. For one thing, Egyptian officials are once again discussing the possibility of reviving their joint diplomatic initiative with France aimed at changing UN Security Council Resolution 242 in order to make it more palatable to the PLO.

The Egyptians, moreover, have not been totally negative to the Soviet Union's proposal for an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conference. Both the U.S. and Israel have strongly rejected both notions.

The American Jewish Congress, in a just-released report, was gloomy in predicting that both Egypt and Jordan would eventually go along with the Soviet proposal for an international conference. "The ultimate proposal of the conference," it said, "would be to press for the establishment of a PLO-led Palestinian state on the West Bank."

It added that "such a move is part of a deliberate long-term Egyptian policy designed to return Egypt to the Arab fold at the expense of relations with Israel."

But this will be a very difficult line for Egypt to tread, given its Washington connection. And the report agreed that it was "improbable that the Egyptians will go as far as formally renouncing the peace treaty."

Demise of high-heel shoe true women's liberation

By
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WASHINGTON —

You can measure the pace of women's liberation any way you want. You can delve into college enrolment figures and notice that the gap with men is closing. You can count women in elected office or you might choose to note the increase in female corporate executives. None of that means much to me, though. I measure the progress of the women's movement by what I see on their feet. I detect the death of the high-heel shoe.

This comes too late for me — not that I have ever worn high-heel shoes. But, starting with my mother, including my sister, going on to my dates and ending (or so I hope) with my present and last wife, all of them have worn high-heel shoes and made my life miserable for it.

Few women are truly happy in high-heel shoes. I take it that some high heel shoes fit well, that some are comfortable, but these are in the distinct minority. Most women, it seems, are in pain wearing the things and since women, as opposed to men, are not selfish, they share the pain with whomever is with them.

They complain and grouch and sometimes take off their shoes. They make you walk slowly or, sometimes, not at all. They occasionally sprain or twist their ankles. They even bleed at the heels or the toes. But they wear the things even though it takes them years just to learn how to walk in them.

The indelible image of prom night is of young women walking at the beginning of the evening like they're on stilts, and coming home at its end with their shoes in their hands. When it comes to making men uncomfortable simply by osmosis, nothing since the days before airconditioning when car windows had to be closed so a woman's hair wouldn't blow compares to high-heel shoes.

To strike my Henry Higgins pose, let me state that no man would wear a shoe that hurt his feet. This is a scientific fact. Men have from time to time indulged in idiot fashion trends — Nehru jackets, for instance — but these have been fleeting and confined to a trendy minority. In fact, most men pay no attention to fashion at all. They seek only comfort.

But now, women are discarding high heels. I see the evidence on the street where many women have taken to wearing running shoes. I grant you that they carry other shoes with them, maybe even high heels, but the handwriting is clearly on the wall. It is only a matter of time until women start wearing comfortable shoes in the office (many already do) and even when going out at night.

That will be true liberation — not just from pain and discomfort, but also from catering to men no matter how uncomfortable the consequences. There was a time, not so long ago, when just about the worst thing you could say about a woman is that she wore what were called "sensible shoes." This conjured up the image of Miss Grundy, teacher to both Archie and Jughead, and meant that the woman in question clearly had no interest in men. But no longer does a heel say everything about a woman.

There's no doubt that high heels flatter the leg, but so, for that matter, do corsets flatter the waist. Discarding high heels would signal that women are finally willing to be judged on who they are and what they do — rather than by the taper of their leg. Men already do that, which is why they are mostly so blase about fashion. Clothes may help make the man, but what really makes him is who he is and what he has done with his life.

Some day, people will look back on the era of high heels and wonder why women ever wore them. High heels will be compared to corsets and to the foot binding of the Orient, even to the panty girdle which did more than the Moral Majority ever did to discourage promiscuity.

As for men, they will never know what it's like to have a moonlit night spoiled by a date whose tootsies hurt, who whined that she couldn't walk another step. The world will be a bit saner and couples will stay together longer.

So look at what women are wearing on the street. High heels are heading toward extinction. In their place is coming, first, the running shoe and then, inevitably, the all-purpose comfortable shoe. The feminist in me applauds this as a step in the right direction and even the male chauvinist in me likes it. Nothing, after all, kills romance like a broken heel.

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Broadening definition of Zionism

Report advocates a new, more relevant CZF

By
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MONTREAL — A major restructuring of the Canadian Zionist Federation to make its function relevant to more Canadian Jews is proposed in a report to the organization's executive by vice-president Max Garfinkle.

Key points of the report include encouragement of individual memberships rather than party or other group affiliation, and a closer relationship with the central fund raising body, United Israel Appeal of Canada.

These suggested changes, Garfinkle says, have been made in the spirit of the dialogue taking place in Israel and among Zionists in the Diaspora on a new structure for the World Zionist Organization that began at the Caesarea and Herzliya conferences in 1981 and 1983, respectively.

Garfinkle, who was elected for the first time to the CZF executive in April as vice-president for organizational development, titles his report The Canadian Zionist Federation: An Alternative Future. It is intended, he said, to stimulate discussion within the organization.

Garfinkle's proposals are based on a broadening of the definition of Zionism. In describing the "Zionist mission," he gives equal weight to strengthening Jewish life in Canada as well as in Israel, and to the rescue of Jews whose survival is threatened anywhere in the world.

The CZF would become the Canadian Zionist Association under the proposals to reflect the emphasis on individual membership. The constituent parties and groups would not disappear but they would see their influence diluted.

The constituent organizations would become "divisions equal in status to the proposed new divisions whose members would be grouped together according to issues of broader concern rather than a particular political ideology.

Garfinkle suggests divisions on Zionist thought (including Israeli-Diaspora relations), the Zionist image in Canada, aliya, Jewish education and World Jewry including Soviet and Ethiopian Jewries.

He chose these topics because they reflect the concerns expressed in the resolutions passed at the last Federation national convention in Montreal in April.

Other divisions could be created as the membership sees fit, said Garfinkle, such as economic aid to Israel, programs for visiting Canadian olim in Israel and Israeli government policy.

Garfinkle feels that the majority of Canadian Jews do not identify with the CZF's existing constituent organizations, but do consider themselves Zionists. "They are general Zionists, with a small 'G,'" he said.

The ideological groupings would also have to maintain a minimum membership based on a percentage of the total CZF membership to keep their divisional status, according to the plan.

The intention is to move the CZF away from the politics of the World Zionist Organization to more practical Zionist activity in Canada.

UIA leaders should be members of the federation and take an active role in its affairs and vice versa, Garfinkle believes. "We have to eliminate in Canada this dichotomy between Zionists and so called non-Zionists, or old Zionists and new Zionists.

A potentially controversial point in Garfinkle's proposal is doing away with the present system of raising money in Canada, sending it to Israel and then having it returned in the form of funding for the CZF from the WZO. Garfinkle suggests, instead, that the amount of money to fund Zionist activity in Canada be negotiated here directly between the leadership of the UIA and CZF.

Garfinkle said there is a realization in the CZF leadership that change must take place if Zionism is to remain "a vital force in Canadian Jewish life." He recommends that the discussions on any changes be opened up to the "grassroots" of the CZF family in a democratic fashion.

Congress submission to CRTC

More multicultural CBC urged

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Congress has recommended that CBC Television "play a role in ensuring that all ethnocultural groups live in harmony and equality with the two dominant cultures."

The recommendation came in Congress' submission to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission regarding the licence renewal of CBC-TV's French and English service. Citing a parliamentary committee report on visible minorities, Equality Now, the Congress submission emphasizes that Canadian society has changed.

The ethnocultural dimension is now "at the heart of Canadianism" and the CBC must reflect this in its programming, ethnocultural coverage and hiring practices, it said.

The submission provides examples in which Congress has found CBC wanting. These include coverage of events of national importance to various ethnocultural communities that have been covered only during crisis periods or as colorful backdrops to specific events. The "skewed reporting" cited includes a refusal by a reporter to air contrary interviews because they "did not suit her thesis."

The submission states that CBC has a specific responsibility to Canadian society: "Program directors, managers and section heads, as well as news and current affairs directors and their managers, must exhibit a special sensitivity to what is truly crucial in our society even if what is crucial is not so readily apparent . . . Producers and journalists, in particular, would have to be sensitive, knowledgeable and aware of the communities on their beat . . ."

Citing the CBC radio program Identities as an excellent example of ethnocultural reporting, Congress encourages similar programs to be developed on both English and French-language television but stresses that this should not be the only niche for ethnocultural programming.

"A determined effort must be made to cover the ethnocultural communities on an ongoing, day-to-day basis, but reporters must be attracted to stories which would serve as windows to the real inner lives of those communities," says the submission.

Congress also recommends that the CBC "should go beyond reflecting the heterogeneity of the various ethnocultural communities" through skin color or names and that the corporation encourage Sikhs with turbans or Jews with skullcaps, for example, to appear on camera.

Noting that the CBC accepted only eight of 850 applicants for a highly publicized CBC minority training program, the submission suggests that recruitment on a much grander scale could be successfully implemented.

Congress recommendations are broadest in their appraisal of what the CBC could be doing to counter anti-minority activity. Citing recent programs on Nazi war criminals and hate propaganda, the submission encourages the corporation to more fully implement its stated policy of "challenging stereotypes," not only inside the studio walls but outside, in the community.

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: Am I permitted to be a vegetarian?

A look at the Torah will show us that man started out as a vegetarian. Adam was permitted to eat nothing but fruits and vegetables, according to Genesis, Chapter 1:29: "Behold I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed — to you it shall be for food." Rashi interprets this passage in these words: "And Adam and his wife were not permitted to slay any animal and eat meat . . . But when the descendants of Noah arrived, He permitted them to eat meat."

Rabbi Burak

However, when we look at the Talmud, Tractate Sanhedrin, 59B, where this biblical passage is discussed, when a sage stated that Adam was not permitted to eat meat or fish, the rebuttal was swift and sharp: we have been told that when Adam was in the Garden of Eden the angels roasted meat for him and served it with wine.

Served meat meal

A medieval commentator, Rabbi Meir Halevy Abulafia z.l. explained that what Adam ate when he was in Eden was one thing. But after being kicked out of Eden, he was like a slave who needed his master's permission to do anything.

Further on, in Genesis, Chapter 18:8 we are told that when Abraham had three guests for lunch "he took curd, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed . . . and they did eat." So, you see that Abraham served his guests a fine meat meal. Lest you should be tempted to say that this proves nothing since it violated our dietary laws when meat and milk was served, please note that the milk was served first, and then the meat. That's permitted.

Again, in Exodus, Chapter 12:8, we read of the first Passover seder. What was the menu for that great occasion? It was lamb. "And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire and unleavened bread . . ." From this passage it appears that the Almighty had no hesitation in ordering His children to eat meat on festive occasions.

And when our sages seek to describe the great dinner which will be served when the Messiah comes, we read in Akdammus that the menu will consist of shor ha-bor and leviathan, washed down with wine saved from the time of creation. When that great day comes, will you taste none of these foods and just sit there and eat celery sticks?

And when we shall once again be privileged to observe the Passover as in the days of yore, shall you hold back from eating the meat of the Passover sacrifice? Will you sit on the sidelines of those grand collations because of your fear of what the cholesterol may do to you?

Not to eat meat is a sign of deepest mourning, in our religion. An onen, one who has lost a relative for whom he is obligated to sit shiva, is not allowed to eat meat before the burial has taken place. Here is the way Rabbi Aaron Felder shlita, the son of our dear gaon, Rabbi Gedalia Felder shlita, states this law in his helpful and justly popular work, Yesodei Smochos page 14: "An onen traveling to the city of the deceased should not put on tefillen, eat meat, or drink wine . . .

Deepest mourning

So, when you sit at the Sabbath or Yom Tov table and you don't eat meat, you are acting like one in deepest mourning, and we are not permitted to be filled with sorrow on the great days of our faith.

But, if such fine foods make you feel ill, that is another matter, and you may stay away from meat.

Our ancestors, in lands of oppression, starved all week, paid exorbitant taxes on salt necessary for koshering meat, in order to set a proper Shabbes table.

When the eminent Chief Rabbi of Haifa was a guest in our house, and told us that he is a vegetarian, I raised none of these issues with him. Such a regal man, while he would not say "l'etat c'est moi," is permitted to do as he pleases. I have even found sources indicating that there were a number of holy men who never ate meat.

Are you that holy?

"Chanukah gelt" for young Israelis

Children send Dollars for David

By
LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO —

At Bialik Hebrew Day School in Toronto, Chanukah came early this year.

Goldie Burstein, Dollars For David chairman of Pioneer Women Na'amat, visited the school recently and was overwhelmed by eager 5-year-olds brandishing orange Dollars For David envelopes filled with Israel's share of their "Chanukah gelt."

Burstein, who originated the campaign in 1973, after the Yom Kippur War left many fatherless children in the care of Pioneer Women Na'amat, was moved by the tremendous response of Bialik's children to the needs of the children of Israel.

As Burstein explained to The CJN, "We see to it that our children are fed and loved and looked after, but, at this time of year, we want to give them the joy that a toy will bring.

The gift of a toy to a child says, 'I love you, you are special, I care about you.' It's something all his own — not for general use by his class or by others in the home — his very own.

"The children in our day-night homes usually have no one to bring them gifts. Most of our 760 day nursery classes are in deprived neighborhoods where families cannot afford gifts.

"Does this mean that these children must do without?"

Burstein doesn't think so and, for 10 years, she, and 4,000 Pioneer Women across Canada, have been working to raise funds to buy gifts — books, games, toys and dolls, for the 22,000 children looked after by Pioneer Women Na'amat.

Toben Kochman, 5 years old, and Tal Sperling, 5½, of the senior kindergarten at Bialik Hebrew Day School, present their "Dollars For David" envelopes to Goldie Burstein, "Dollars For David" Chairman of Pioneer Women Naamat.

"When you're talking of so many deprived children — 22,000," Burstein continued, "then, no matter how little we spend, it still adds up to a large figure. We're hoping for $75,000, which will allow us a little more than $3 per child. If we don't reach our goal, then who can we leave out? What child is more deserving than another?"

Response to Burstein's plea has been impressive. In Jewish parochial and congregational schools throughout Canada, children have been taking Israel's Davids and Esthers to their hearts. Pioneer Women Na'amat clubs are busy with a series of Chanukah fund raising events.

But the most overwhelming support for the project has come from CJN readers.

For the past nine years, orange envelopes bearing the picture of a symbolic David have been enclosed in an issue of The CJN before Chanukah. It is the response to this enclosure which has been most significant in ensuring the success of the project.

For information, telephone these Pioneer Women presidents in the following Canadian cities: Marilyn Myers, Toronto (416) 636-5425; Fritzi Frankel, Ottawa (613) 733-9591; Trish Tolkin-Eppel, Hamilton (416) 627-9182; Grace Alter, Montreal (514) 735-1679; Doris Silver, Winnipeg (204) 334-3637; and in Windsor, Helen Glaser (519) 254-6613 and Ruth Booth (519) 966-2547.

Bible reading for the week

The Torah reading for this week, read on Friday, Dec. 7, is Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43.

The haftorah, read on Shabbat, is Hosea 11:7-12:12 for Ashkenazim and for Sephardim, the book of Obadiah.

During the rest of the week, continue with Psalms: one a day except for Wednesday (140 and 141), ending the week with Psalm 142 on Thursday, Dec. 13.

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But famine may soon reach villages

State of Falashas "not too bad," delegation finds

TEL AVIV —

Alan Rose, executive vice- president of Canadian Jewish Congress, reports that Jews in Ethiopia are in "basically sound medical condition" and "the effects of the famine have not yet reached their towns and communities."

Rose, who phoned in a report to Canada upon arrival from Ethiopia in Tel Aviv on Friday, said he, B'nai B'rith Canada past president Don Jubas and other Jewish community leaders visited four communities with large Ethiopian Jewish populations and attended the Seggid, a biblical feast and fast that is celebrated by Ethiopian Jews.

"It was an incredible experience," he said. "First we hiked over a kilometre of mountain, led by about 500 Ethiopian Jews headed by the Kohanim, who were carrying Torahs.

"After a day of fasting and prayer, there was a celebration of rejoicing and dancing."

Rose says the delegation estimates there are between 8,000 and 10,000 Jews in Ethiopia and that money is not needed for them there, but for resettlement of those who have come to Israel, where almost 8,000 are now living.

In traveling through areas outside the capital, Addis Ababa, Rose said the effect of the famine is catastrophic.

Estimates are that over 500,000 will die between now and the end of the year.

Rose said that he and other Jewish leaders met with the Canadian ambassador and with the deputy high commissioner of relief and rehabilitation for the Ethiopian government, which is in charge of famine relief operations.

He stressed that the Canadian Jewish community was deeply concerned and committed to financially helping relief operations.

Rose added that in the province of Gondar where most Ethiopian Jews live, the conditions are not too bad, and the famine has not yet reached that area, but there are fears that as large communities move from famine areas into Gondar food supplies may be insufficient.

Hahn named as director of Institute

TORONTO —

The board of directors of the Canada-Israel Institute for Industrial Research and Development has announced the appointment of Jack Hahn as executive director of the institute.

Hahn, who has spent most of his working life with the SNC engineering company, brings to his new post many years of experience in engineering and technology. He will be responsible "for bringing together the innovative capabilities of Canada and Israel and creating new ventures of benefit to both countries" according to the board.

The Canada-Israel Institute for Industrial Research and Development is a non-profit organization funded by the Canadian and Israeli governments.

Hahn says the institute's objectives can be achieved "by promoting joint ventures in R&D projects, subcontracts and licensing agreements."

The institute will endeavor to obtain financing to encourage investments for promising new ventures and formation of subsidiaries in either country for the purpose of creating new products, the executive director says.

Hahn graduated from McGill University with an electrical engineering degree in 1947. He began working for SNC the previous year and became a partner in the company in 1959.

In the early 1960s, Hahn started international expansion of SNC which has become one of the largest international engineering companies. He was responsible for marketing and development of SNC from 1965 to 1975 while still maintaining a supervisory interest in mining and metallurgical projects.

After spending two years on a half-sabbatical arrangement in Israel from 1975 to 1977, he returned to Toronto to become chairman of SNC/GECO Canada Inc. He retired in 1980 to carry out consulting assignments and devote himself to professional and community interests.

During the last 10 years, Hahn has accumulated an in-depth knowledge of Israel industry, financial and other institutions as a result of his experience in Israel and his subsequent creation of Canada-Israel High-Tech Ltd., of which he was chairman until this year.

JDC sends relief to Gondar

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A recent communique received from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee representative in Ethiopia advised that the overseas relief agency had received permission to operate feeding stations in the Gondar region, according to an announcement made by JDC executive vice-president Ralph Goldman.

The announcement said the JDC has received donations and pledges exceeding $200,000 from concerned Jews and members of the general public since it "opened its mailbox" to contributions on Oct. 23. Half of the sum was committed by the Central British Fund — World Jewish Relief of London.

The Emergency Famine Campaign went into high gear in recent weeks in response to a worldwide appeal by the Ethiopian government. According to the JDC, up to half a million people in Gondar, one of the four provinces especially hard hit by a prolonged drought, face starvation. The major problem, advises the JDC, "is getting the relief supplies to the victims as roads are few and primitive."

Goldman stated that the JDC is consulting with local authorities to solve the problem of supplying the feeding stations and is also negotiating with AID to obtain additional food supplies for distribution in the Gondar region in the months to come. "Meantime," said Goldman, "shipments of still more medical supplies, blankets, cloth and clothing are being arranged."

According to the statement issued by JDC, it began operations in Ethiopia in 1983 when it reached agreement with the government to develop relief and rehabilitation projects in the Gondar region.

Within a few months, the JDC had shipped 70 tons of new clothing, cloth and medical supplies valued at $500,000. At the same time, the JDC began assisting in a health program that included the upgrading of clinics and developing manpower to staff health stations in the Gondar.

Cemeteries to be restored

NEW YORK (JTA) —

An agreement has been reached by the World Federation of Polish Jews and the Polish government for the restoration of Jewish cemeteries desecrated during World War II, it was announced by Stefan Grajek, the head of the organization.

Many illustrious rabbinic scholars are interred in some of the cemeteries.

Exhaustive surveys of existing Jewish cemeteries revealed some 400 potential sites, Grajek said. Of these, some 140 can be adequately identified and rehabilitated.

Kalman Sultanik, president of the Federation of Polish Jews in the United States, announced that an appeal is being made through landsmanshaft and societies, and through individuals of Polish-Jewish descent, to take part in this task.

According to the agreement with the Polish government, they will cover half the expenses necessary for the restoration, providing that the other half of the money is raised by the Polish-Jewish communities both in the U.S. and the rest of the world. "This is therefore of the greatest importance that these funds be raised, otherwise a vital part of our heritage will be lost forever," Sultanik said.

He stated that anyone seeking additional information should contact the Federation of Polish Jews, 136 East 39th St., New York, NY 10016 or telephone (212) 689-4930.

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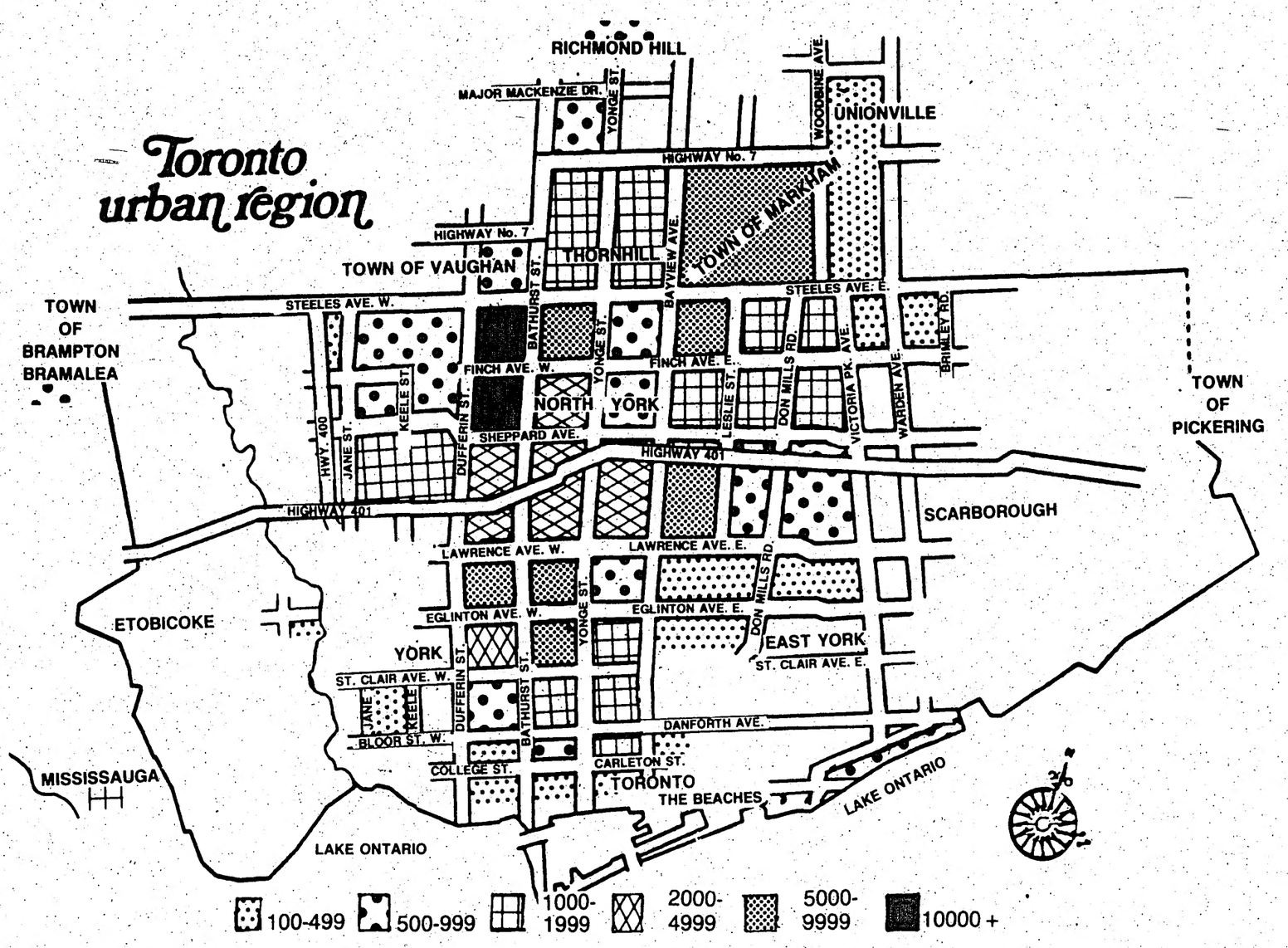

The Toronto area's Jewish population is shifting toward Markham-Vaughan from the traditional concentration along the Bathurst corridor from the Cedarvale ravine to Steeles. There has also been a Jewish population increase in the area bounded by Yonge-Dufferin from Davisville to Lawrence Ave.

The chart above indicates the concentration of population in the Toronto urban region. Borough and city Jewish populations of significance include: North York (1981 - 79,500 and 1971 - 72,200; Toronto (1981 - 25,500 and 1971 - 23,000); York (1981 - 5,700 and 1971 - 6,400); Scarboro (1981 - 1,800 and 1971 - 700); Etobicoke (1981 - 1,200 and 1971 - 900); Markham-Vaughan (1981 - 11,000 and 1971 - 1,300); Mississauga (1981 - 1,400 and 1971 - 300); Richmond Hill (1981 - 1,000 and 1971 - 100).

Study cites influx of newcomers

Toronto Jewish population soars

TORONTO —

Toronto's Jewish population has grown faster than the general population — from 106,000 in 1971 to 128,600 in 1981, according to a 6-month study just released by the Social Planning Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Findings were based on Statistics Canada reports culled from 1981 census figures.

The population increase was due primarily to migration to the city, with the largest influx coming from Montreal — 8,000. Newcomers from the Soviet Union accounted for 6,000, South Africa, 2,500.

By far the most dramatic growth has been in the over-65 age group which has increased in 10 years from 11% (11,522) to 14% (18,349) of the population.

"Baby-boomers," age 25-34, make up 19% of the population — this age group was 12% of the population in 1971. This increase in women of childbearing age accounts for the small increase in the number of babies born between 1971 and 1981; yet, the percentage of children up to 14 years of age dropped from 21% in 1971 to 19% in 1981.

In the over-20s age group, females slightly outnumber males — 48,600 women to 47,000 men. Up to age 19, the situation is reversed, with 17,000 males and 16,000 females.

The study discloses that one out of every seven Toronto Jews lives below or slightly above the poverty line, which is defined by Statistics Canada as $18,000 before taxes, for a family of four. Seniors, 65 and over, are the hardest hit, with one in three among the poor, particularly elderly women whose numbers constitute ⅔ of this group.

There are 3,000 children under the age of 15 who make up a portion of the Jewish poor. Half are under 6 years of age and are members of a lone-parent led family. One in every five of the recorded 3,000 lone-parent families — 85% of which are headed by women — is classified as poor.

It is estimated that lone-parent families account for one in every seven Jewish families with children in Toronto. There are 4,000 children living in lone-parent households. While the number of children born to 2-parent families is diminishing, the figure for lone parents is even more stark at 1.4 children per family.

One-third of the over-20 Jewish population is single. Of those, 60% have never married; 20% were divorced or separated; and 20% were widowed. In the 25-to-34 age range, one in three is single and more than half are male.

Three out of four people in Toronto's Jewish community over the age of 15 are in the labor force, with 11% unemployed. The highest rate of unemployment is in the 15-to-24 age group — one in four. From age 25 to 34, one in 10 is unemployed. The study cites the occupational distribution of Toronto Jews who were employed in 1981 as follows: professional, 27%; managerial, 20%; clerical, 20%; sales, 19%; all other occupations, 14%.

According to the study, the gender gap in the workplace is beginning to close as there are currently more female professionals between the ages of 15 and 30 than males. The number of women with a university degree has increased by 50% in the past few decades. One half of women age 25-29 had received a university degree, compared to one-in-three in the 30-49 age group. University educated men increased by 10% and 57% of men age 25-29 held university degrees compared to 52% for those age 30-49.

"While a fuller profile is being developed, some major highlights have already been identified and should help the community, social agencies, educational and health institutions to sharpen their planning efforts in order to meet and address growing needs," says the TJC.

Harris points to success

TORONTO —

Milton Harris, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, told a recent meeting of the CJC national executive here that the objectives he set at the start of his 3-year term are being achieved.

"Congress is the single voice which represents all the mainstreams of Canadian Jewry," Harris said. "This is our mandate, and we began after the last plenary, in May, 1983, to prove to the Jewish community that we do provide strong stewardship for community funds. In my view, there must be a strong rationale for every dollar that does not go to Israel. We have lived up to that responsibility."

He noted that there had been many staff changes in the last year-and-a-half and that new financial controls had "put Congress' house in order. By the end of the current 3-year administration, we will have an organization fully ready for the future," he said.

He said the CJC's relationship with the new government was a priority. Asked about Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's perspective, Harris said: "I see a Prime Minister who is positive to our causes," he said, "We will have to develop our issues further, but we expect favorable relations with this government, and we shall respond openly to them."

Harris, who has been a CJC officer for over a decade, explained how he saw his role. "I don't view myself as a prima donna but as the leader of the orchestra," he emphasized. "My job is to make sure that all the voices are in harmony. I am proud that this is being achieved."

He said his objectives for the second half of his term include ensuring that regional work is increased. "I have been in Alberta three times. I have been to the Maritimes, and I am available to go to Winnipeg and Vancouver and the many small communities to strengthen our work in every community."

Archibald resigns

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress president Milton Harris has announced that the organization's national officers have "regretfully accepted" the resignation of executive director Jim Archibald.

Archibald has acted as both national executive director and executive director of the Quebec Region since 1983.

"The resignation follows recent discussions between the national officers and the executive director with regard to policy matters. The resignation will take effect in January," Harris said in a statement.

A search committee, chaired by Harris, has been struck to find a replacement for Archibald.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The first fundamental anti-Jewish restrictions in greater Russia were decreed by Czar Alexander I on Dec. 9, 1804. Their implementation was suspended, however, by the fear of a Jewish uprising or fifth column in the event of an invasion by Napoleon.

Russia hosted a succession of small but hardy Jewish communities from the second century CE on. They experienced the gamut of fortunes, from prosperity as traders, farmers, tax-collectors, coin minters and distillers, to the vicissitudes of disputations and expulsions.

In 1563, 300 Jews were drowned at Polotsk and Vitebsk on refusing to accept baptism. Clauses prohibiting Jews from visiting the country were inserted in treaties signed by Russia with foreign powers in 1550 and 1678. Major expulsions in the 18th century culminated in Catherine II's restricting Jewish settlement to White Russia, the beginning of the Pale of Settlement. Toward the end of her reign, she prohibited Jews from settling in rural areas.

Catherine's laws were in the process of forcing the country's Jews into the poverty of crowded ghetto life when greater Poland was conquered. The partitions of the latter in 1772, 1793 and 1795 suddenly thrust the majority of Eastern Europe's Jews, in the Ukraine, Lithuania and along the Baltic coast, into unenthusiastic Russian care.

Alexander I set up a number of committees to investigate the conditions of his one million new Jewish subjects and to suggest means of containing them. Those making proposals included nobleman-poet Gabriel Derzhavin, who had previously never seen a Jew before, an "enlightened" Jewish doctor, Elias Jacob Frank, and a number of Western-oriented Polish stateman. Together they yielded what historian Salo Baron described as "a mixture of liberal theoretical postulates and highly restrictive practical measures."

Alexander's subsequent 1804 decrees demanded the introduction of the standard Russian curriculum in Jewish schools and the use of Russian, German or Polish in business transactions, to the applause of a minority of assimilationist Jews.

Also decreed was the imminent removal of all the Jews from the Pale's rural areas, from the villages and hamlets where the bulk of them lived, to the already overcrowded towns and cities. The sudden influx of tens of thousands of materially unsustained newcomers — no less than 60,000 families — into already impoverished urban neighborhoods threatened to destroy Jewish society.

Napoleon's efforts in France to reconstitute the Jewish Sanhedrin — the supreme court that functioned during Temple times in Jerusalem — with the participation of world Jewry, alarmed Alexander. He feared that Napoleon, preparing for an invasion eastward, would present himself as a messiah to Russia's Jews.

Alexander dispatched a new committee to the Pale, which discovered that the uprooting of several thousand families so far had resulted in much damage. The deportations were halted.

Government propagandists told Jews that Napoleon's aim was to initiate far-reaching religious reforms in order to undermine Jewish traditional life and Orthodoxy.

Alexander's reasonable concern over the loyalty of his Jewish subjects, old and new, proved to be unfounded. The motives of the French were suspect, and their possible effect on traditional life indeed feared. Jews had always been loyal to the government of the country they lived in. Communal leaders, with or without vested interests, told their followers that the czar was trying to be a just and benevolent ruler to all his subjects, Jew and non-Jew alike and that his destructive decrees originated from anti-semitic advisors or local officials acting on their own.

Chassidic leaders also voiced wholehearted support for the Russian authorities. Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi felt compelled to flee deep into the interior of Russia at Napoleon's approach in 1812. Chassidic marching songs were made up berating the would-be conqueror. The Maggid of Kozienice punned on his name with a phrase from the biblical book of Esther, napol tippol (surely you shall fall) to predict Napoleon's defeat.

Jews, still excluded from the Russian army, provided shelter and supplies to Russian troops during their initial flight from Napoleon's soldiers and their later pursuit.

The end of the war saw a surge of conservatism, religious fundamentalism and mysticism grip the populace at large. In 1814, the 13-year-old daughter of the rabbi of Kiev was kidnapped, converted and forcibly married off to a Gentile. Charges of ritual murder sprang up. The disastrous decrees were put into effect in 1824.

Praises journalists for exposing travesties

Hill condemns discrimination

TORONTO —

Despite efforts by Canadian journalists to expose human rights travesties, a recent survey conducted by the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights indicates 31% of Canadians support an all-white Canada and many more engage in discriminatory practices, says Dr. Daniel Hill, ombudsman for Ontario and winner of this year's League for Human Rights Special Award.

In an impassioned speech delivered at the recent 10th annual Media Human Rights Awards ceremonies, Hill praised Canadian journalists for their contributions to a growing Canadian rights movement which opposes anti-semitism, hate literature, discrimination against the disabled, minorities and women.

"But the job is never done. Discrimination is still widespread and it's every conscientious human being's responsibility not to just oppose it, but to work actively against it," Hill advised the capacity crowd of journalists and human rights activists at the Metro Convention Centre.

The Human Rights Awards, sponsored by the League for Human Rights, were started in 1974 to thank the news media for their role in "alerting, informing and sensitizing the public to the nature and value of human rights."

This year's awards were presented with readings, clips and tapes of winning stories to give the audience a taste of their content.

- The Globe and Mail won in the press category for its articles and editorials on discrimination against Japanese Canadians during World War II.
- CBC's Radio Canada program, Le Point, received the television category award for its expose on racism in Canada.
- The radio category was won by CBC Radio for a drama entitled There is Life on Mars, a program which explores the world and problems of the hearing impaired.

Honorable mentions were given to the Calgary Herald, The Toronto Star, the National Film Board, CBC, Vancouver television stations VU13, Montreal radio station CJAD's Joe Cannon Show and CKAC, a French radio station in Montreal.

Toronto radio station CKFM was awarded a special citation for its "positive role model to all Toronto businesses and institutions by instituting a program to increase the station's awareness level of discrimination."

Hill concluded the evening by condemning institutionalized discrimination and negative stereotyping, using television advertising which promotes "a lily white Canadian society" as an example.

He called for widespread public education in the area of human rights and advocated the establishment of a federal ombudsman's office which could be amalgamated with labor organizations and churches.

In a private interview later, Hill said "the majority of Ontario's citizens don't know where to turn when they suffer human rights abuses. They don't even know we exist or what our function is."

He is currently preparing a report and proposal for presentation to the federal government recommending the creation of a federal ombudsman's office.

"The rest of Canada's provincial ombudsmen and many legal groups want a federal office as much as I do. Most other western countries have federal offices. It makes a lot more sense because everything can be channeled through one central location, and federal governments have more clout than provincial governments," he said.

U.S. defends move to renew Iraq ties

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

The Reagan administration, in announcing that the U.S. and Iraq are resuming diplomatic relations, stressed that the move will not be harmful to Israel.

"It has no effect on our relations with Israel which continue to be stronger than ever," a senior administration official said in briefing reporters on the move which took effect last week.

The resumption of relations, which were broken by Iraq following the 1967 Six Day War, was announced after Iraqi foreign minister Tarik Aziz met with President Reagan at the White House. He had met earlier with Secretary of State George Shultz at the state department and with Vice-President George Bush at the White House.

The two countries have maintained interest sections which are now upgraded to embassies. Ambassadors will be appointed as soon as possible, according to the White House.

The administration official stressed that the move was a "bilateral step" which resulted from the "de facto normalization of the U.S.-Iraqi dialogue that has developed gradually" since the U.S. opened its interest section at the Belgian embassy in Baghdad in 1972. The Iraqi interest section in Washington was at the Indian embassy.

The official said that the move was not aimed against Iran with which Iraq has been at war since 1980. He said the U.S. would like to improve its "dialogue" with Teheran too, once Iran "ceases its support of international terrorism and appears willing to enter negotiations to end the war with Iraq.

Until the Reagan administration took office, the U.S. also considered Iraq as one of the leading supporters of international terrorism. The terrorist Abu Nidal, responsible for attacks on Israeli and Jewish institutions abroad as well as on representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization, made his headquarters in Baghdad, where he died this month.

However, the administration official stressed that the U.S. feels it is important to establish relations with Iraq which he called a "major player" in the Middle East.

While maintaining that he could not see what role Iraq will have in the Middle East peace effort, the official said there has been an "evolution" in Iraqi policy since the 1970s and that Iraq no longer sees itself as a "front line state" in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Iraqis, while concerned about the Palestinians "now say they will accept any solution acceptable to the Palestinians and that no responsible Arab leader looks forward to the destruction of Israel."

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Editorial

Eban's value

Abba Eban, one of the architects of the modern State of Israel, did not receive a cabinet post in the new Peres government of national unity.

The particular alchemy of internal Israeli politics has relegated him to the position of chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs committee, an important post but one lacking in the lustre normally associated with a cabinet portfolio.

Despite Mr. Eban's apparent "demotion," the eloquent voice of Israel (as he was known to his admirers two decades ago) seems to be in the centre of press scrutiny these days.

The Jerusalem Post recently devoted a full page interview to Eban and the interviewer deplored the fact that he had forgotten to take a tape recorder with him because Eban's comments had been so lucid, witty and important.

Even without the recorder, Eban's trenchant views on the shape of modern Israel came through with his customary eloquence. The former ambassador to the United Nations indicated that he personally had been responsible, to some extent, for the wild pretensions that characterized early statements about the utopian vision of the Jewish State.

Eban admitted that the dream and the reality are still far apart and that there have been developments in modern Israel which no one could have anticipated when he lobbied on behalf of the Zionist idea at Lake Success in 1947.

Eban's candor extended to his critical views on the 1982 Lebanese war. "The purpose was to save lives on Israel's northern frontier. All that we have done is substitute a new enemy for an old. Instead of the PLO, we now face the hostility of the Shiites."

Perhaps Eban's most cogent remarks pivoted around the controversy generated by his Heritage television series. According to a JTA release, Eban has agreed to certain editorial changes in the series in order to mitigate somewhat the force of the criticism which certain Orthodox circles directed against him.

In his Jerusalem Post interview, however, Eban referred to such criticism as emanating from absolutist and intolerant interpretations of Judaism and Jewish history. He told his interviewer that the violence of partisan debate in Israel shows that the country has not yet evolved a culture of dissent.

Abba Eban may not be in a pivotal position to direct Israeli thinking these days but his strength of character and intellect is inserting itself powerfully into the public discourse on Israel's future.

We have not heard the last from Abba Eban.

Same Arafat

The fanatic, it has been said, is the person who, having lost sight of his objective, redoubles his efforts. The dictum seems tailor-made for Yasser Arafat, the darling of the Western media these days.

Having assembled his parliament-in-exile in Jordan (conveniently overlooking the fact that in 1970 King Hussein and his Bedouins waged a war against the PLO), Arafat used his not inconsiderable skills to induce his supporters to back him against the Syrian-backed interlopers who have been trying to unseat the man who has displayed a consistent gift for snatching defeat out of the jaws of victory.

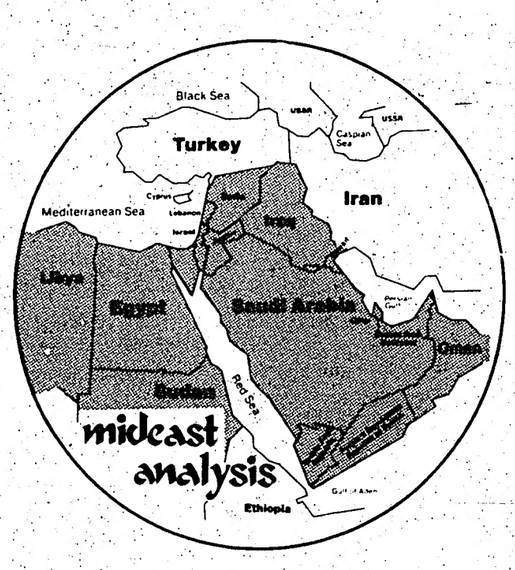
We, or course, cannot take sides in the internecine strife which characterizes Palestinian politics. The ignoble aims of all the factions — with regard to their attitudes towards Israel — precludes our opting for any of the unsavory scenarios.

We can, however, deplore the urgings of Arafat; he has counseled his colleagues to continue the "armed struggle," against Israel. There is no hint in Arafat's discourse of moderation, compromise or flexibility.

The November 1984 meeting of the PNC will go down as another example of PLO fanaticism; Arafat and his minions show clearly that they remember nothing and have learned nothing after four decades of warring against the Jewish State.

Despite Morocco's "union" with Libya

Polisario scores on political front



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Western Saharan rebels fighting for independence from Morocco have reached a crossroads.

Two important developments that will probably affect their 11-year struggle against Morocco have occurred of late.

- Last August, Morocco — a pro-Western monarchy — startled observers by signing a unity agreement with Libya, a radical nation which had been among the rebels' biggest supporters.
- Three months later, the rebel Polisario Front was admitted to the Organization of African Unity (OAU), of which Morocco was a member.

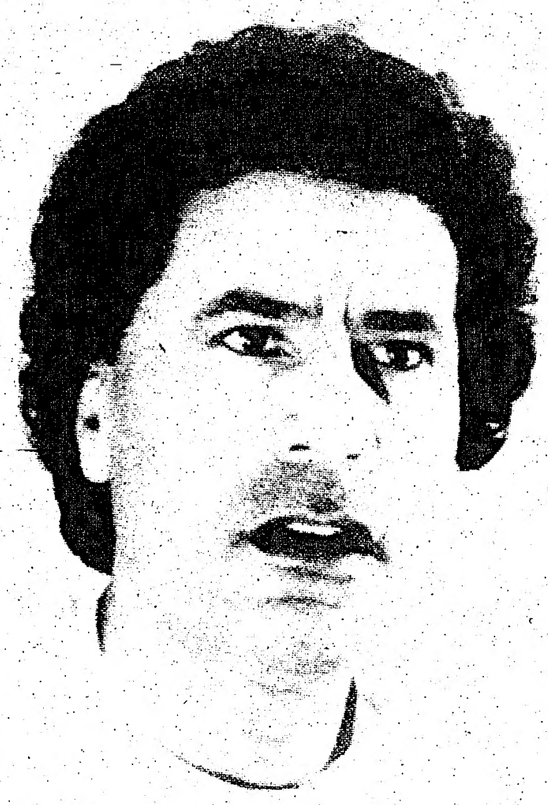
The decision by Morocco and Libya to join in a union — one of many that have been tried without success in the Arab world — came as a surprise. Here were two countries whose domestic and foreign policies were diametrically opposed — Morocco being a traditional Islamic land with close ties to the U.S. and France, and Libya being a "state of the masses" displaying animosity to the West.

The news of the pact was all the more surprising because Muammar Qaddafi, the explosive Libyan leader, openly supported coups against the Moroccan king, Hassan, in 1971 and 1972.

In actual fact, Morocco and Libya had been heading for a rapprochement months before it materialized. In July of 1983, Qaddafi held two days of talks with King Hassan in Rabat, the Moroccan capital, in an effort to end his relative isolation in North Africa. It was the first time in years the Libyan had ventured to Morocco.

Given their differences, the pair had much to discuss.

Morocco, having served as an intermediary for Anwar Sadat's 1977 trip to Jerusalem, believed that the U.S. could play a vital diplomatic role in resolving the thorny Arab-Israeli conflict. Libya, being committed to Israel's destruction, called for a pan-Arab war against the Jewish state and the export of revolution to conservative Arab regimes.



Muammar Qaddafi

Hassan advocates Greater Maghreb

It is by no means clear how Qaddafi and Hassan bridged the yawning gap in their thinking. Yet, within one month of their meeting, Hassan told a press conference that he was in favor of a Greater Maghreb bringing together Morocco, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia and Mauritania.

Politicians in North Africa have talked of union for years and Hassan's call for unity seemed like the latest installment.

Hassan, however, was a little late: Algeria and Mauritania had already signed a treaty of cooperation, leaving Morocco and Libya in the cold.

Having been shunted aside, Morocco and Libya eyed each other and decided to do the unthinkable: form a union of their own.

In addition to the desire by Hassan and Qaddafi to realign the balance of power in North Africa, both had other reasons for seeking a union: Qaddafi wanted respectability and Moroccan recognition of his claim to the uranium-rich Aouzou strip in northern Chad. Hassan wanted Qaddafi to sever his links with the Polisario Front.

If the reports are accurate, Libya will gradually reduce its military and political support of the Polisario Front, whose claim to sovereignty over former Spanish Sahara is fiercely disputed by Morocco.

Spain gave up its colony about 10 years ago, and Morocco and neighboring Mauritania agreed to share it. Under rebel pressure, Mauritania pulled out of the Western Sahara — which contains valuable minerals — in 1979, whereupon Morocco moved in to fill the vacuum.

The Polisario Front, with support from Algeria and Libya, stepped up its guerrilla war against Morocco.

The Western Saharan rebels battling for control of this region of 109,000 square miles were particularly dependent on Libya for military supplies, including artillery and anti-aircraft batteries, obtained originally from the Soviet Union.

Should the Libyans live up to their agreement with the Moroccans, the rebels will be hard-pressed to continue their fight. As matters stand, they are already in bad shape militarily.

Their ranks having been steadily depleted by the war of attrition they have launched against Morocco, the guerrillas have watched their strength dwindle to some 4,000 fighters. Morocco, by comparison, has some 80,000 troops at its disposal.

More important, Morocco has cordoned off about half of the Western Sahara with a sand wall containing mines, fortified with gun emplacements and protected by radar and electronic sensors. The equipment has been supplied by the U.S., which has military bases in Morocco.

Within the sand wall is virtually all of Western Sahara's population of 150,000, as well as most of its valuable minerals.

Having fended off the Polisario Front, the Moroccan army has sustained far fewer casualties in the past year. Morocco, which plans to extend the wall, has thus rendered the Polisario Front into an ineffective rag-tag band capable of only hit-and-run raids of no lasting consequence.

Meanwhile, Morocco is trying to win the hearts and minds of Western Saharans by pouring development funds into the area.

The Polisario Front has another serious problem on its hands.

Algeria, which has been a staunch backer of its claims, has reached what appears to be a quiet — but key — agreement with Morocco.

Although Morocco and Algeria are still regional rivals, the two are now on better terms, at the expense of the Saharan rebels. Morocco, in exchange for an Algerian pledge to tone down support of the Polisario Front, has apparently conceded certain disputed border areas to Algeria.

This understanding, so potentially far-reaching in its implications, was preceded by a 5-hour meeting attended by King Hassan and President Chadil Bendjedid of Algeria. The first encounter between a Moroccan and Algerian head of state since the outbreak of conflict in the Western Sahara, it had a salutary effect on Morocco's often troubled relationship with Algeria.

But, for the Saharan rebels, it spelled disaster.

Strange as it may seem, they are not finished, at least as a political force.

Last month, in Addis Ababa, the Organization of African Unity stunned a confident Morocco by recognizing and seating the Polisario's Saharan Arab Democratic Front. In a huff, Morocco, joined by Zaire, withdrew from the OUA, rent as never before by the long-simmering dispute.

Its military victories in the field notwithstanding, Morocco seems to have been fighting a losing battle on the political front. The Polisario Front had actually been admitted to the OAU in 1983, relinquishing its seat temporarily in the interest of African unity. Morocco tried to freeze the situation, but failed miserably.

The question uppermost in the minds of observers is how the Polisario Front, so weakened by military defeat, can assert its political claim to the Western Sahara in the face of stiff Moroccan resistance.

Like Israel in the case of the PLO, Morocco is adamant in its refusal to deal with the rebels. And analysts doubt whether a referendum — to which Morocco agreed in 1981 — will ever take place.

Internal problems continue to grow

Despite its obdurate position, Morocco — home of the Arab world's largest Jewish community — would like nothing better than to solve its dispute with the Polisario Front.

The war, as popular as it is throughout the country, costs Morocco nearly $2 million per day. These funds could easily be used instead to uplift its poor, huddled masses. Last January, for the second time in three years, riots broke out over rumored price increases, kiling more than 100 people.

Blaming the turmoil on Communists, Khomeinists and Zionists, King Hassan suppressed the riots, promised no further rise in food prices and exempted farmers from paying taxes until the year 2,000.

Effective though they may be in the short run, such palliative measures underscore Morocco's vulnerability to instability. Morocco, suffering from industrial depression and very high unemployment and underemployment, cannot forever cloak its severe internal problems under the mantle of a patriotic war.

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Race against the exchange rate

Job hunt, search for housing keep new olim busy

By
DAVID BIRKAN

JERUSALEM —

If new olim don't write home often, it's partly because they are kept hopping.

Job-hunting is a very time-consuming and exhausting affair. For the past year, many hundreds of Israeli workers have been let go as factories cut back, computerize, go broke, or sit tight and wait for government indecision to end before deciding on their own directions. The government, which employs a national average of some 40% of the labor force, is being backed into making unprecedented staff cuts.

North American olim with jobs cling to them desperately. Olim who have not yet found work finish their spurt of job-hunting before falling back to a convalescence period in which they pursue personal interests and hobbies. The Jerusalem area, with its many yeshivot and Torah lectures in English as well as Hebrew, is particularly conducive to part- or full-time religious studies. An increasing number of olim are turning to them, particularly the dati (observant) arrivals from France; those who lack facility in English, as well as Hebrew and Arabic, have almost no chance at all of getting an appropriate job.

Olim from Russia, Romania and other parts of Eastern Europe put a lot more energy into job hunting, accept less glamourous positions to start, such as laborers, security guards and factory workers, and are willing to work at all hours. Few of them are unemployed.

Most of the South Americans are keen professional or business people who, despite the bureaucratic hurdles of establishing their credentials here, are busily at work.

This correspondent is currently working, along with a number of olim from the U.S., as a typist on a word-processessing machine, a job paid by the hour involving shift work. The old adage that it pays to know typing — how much it pays is another matter — certainly applies to a country of offices undergoing Americanization. Previously, he worked editing some English translations of Hebrew books that the publisher was preparing to print and sell in England and perhaps later in North America.

Unfortunately, the government grant for this export project that the publisher had been promised a year earlier failed to materialize. This, combined with the late, lost and bad checks among payments from his customers, and local bureaucratic holdups, forced him to close his 5-person Jerusalem office and retrench in Tel Aviv.

Another time-consuming and overwhelming task is the search for post-merkaz housing. This is a problem even for those who have a job and can pinpoint the area in the country where they will probably live.

The choices are staggering. The oleh must decide whether to live in the city — or outside it in any number of different types of moshavim, kibbutzim, yishuvim and other types of communities, each with its individual demands, economic requirements, religious identity, degree of development, average age, educational facilities, location, ultimate goals, prospects of success, and so forth.

Invisible boundary just like brick wall

Choosing a home in the city is almost as difficult. Location, a prime factor, is much harder to determine for the North American, his unfamiliarity with the language and the scene aside. A "good neighborhood" here can be something as small as a single apartment building, with the desirability of an individual unit dependent on what floor it's on and what direction it faces. The invisible boundary between a good neighborhood and a bad one adjacent to it is as effective in social and economic terms as a brick wall.

Olim who want to buy or rent — which to do is another big question — must optimally determine the prospects of the neighborhood, unless they choose a unit from a brand new or as yet unbuilt neighborhood. In the latter case, the future is virtually a complete mystery.

It can be much easier to buy a place in Israel while still in Canada, plunging in and hoping for the best. Such a sentiment underlies the Hebrew saying "eeyeh tov" that some ministry of absorption officials respond with to the olims' complaints: Everything will turn out well in the end. In the long run, success at housing depends on the indivdual's relations with his neighbors and his efforts in the local community.

Payment for homes, as for cars, appliances, and most other purchases, is totally up front. There is no pay-as-you-own plan.

Mortgages for Israelis are few and far between. The maximum mortgage for olim — unlinked, in shekels, constantly hemorrhaging in value from the time it is announced — can account for about a third the cost of a 3-bedroom apartment in an average area in or around Jerusalem.

Rental subsidies can bring down rents for a similar apartment by half, during the first year when the subsidies are at their maximum.

For olim, timing is the essence in obtaining a mortgage or business loan. Ideally, the unit must be selected, the guarantors — those who will undersign the loan — and the bank that will handle the transactions chosen, before a new maximum mortgage or loan is announced. Then, one rushes through the paperwork as quickly as possible.

For a business loan, it means driving the documents down to the bank's head office in Tel Aviv for final ratification.

The process is not unlike a TV game show. But it is very serious. An acquaintance of this correspondent's lost more than $1,000 on his business loan because he allowed the bank to send the paper to head office instead of driving them down himself; it took more than a week before they came back, other complications ensued, and the final sum — still in the originally stated number of shekels — had seriously eroded in terms of the U.S. dollars, the operative standard in most transactions here.

The availability of these loans is a help to olim. Getting the most out of them involves some specific local counseling and fast legwork. The spice of uncertainty is added to the procedure by the perpetual imminence of strikes in the government, bank and/or mail service, which can cause further uncontrollable and indeterminable delays.

All this keeps the oleh very busy. So do paying utility and health insurance bills in person, taking children adjusting to their new environment's maladies to the physicians, and going to the bank almost every day to withdraw sums from Canadian savings to change into shekels.

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Olim going into their own business find the high inflation rate one of the new factors to get used to. Just before the temporary price freeze was announced, The Jerusalem Post pointed out that on a fur coat worth U.S. $3,000, the seller would lose 1.6% of its value, or IS22,560 ($45) if someone bought it on Monday morning rather than Monday afternoon. That's because on Monday morning, the exchange rate is determined by the previous Friday's rate; in the afternoon, by the new rate, 1.6% higher.

Checks for large amounts would be dispatched to the bank by taxi, for deposit and/or reinvestment before the new rate took effect.

For businessmen sending invoices, payment time was critical. Suppliers' terms were reduced to 15 and 30 days tops. The more conventional 60-day term meant an erosion of about 60%; if the biller added to his figure to compensate, he was liable to be accused of gouging.

Overdraft charges at the banks were 24% per month on sums within the individual's permitted limit, and 28.5% on sums beyond it. (They dropped several percentage points during the freeze.)

Government measures during the price freeze and what will happen after it are among some of the operating uncertainties.

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In the fall of 1983, it was the year of the Peugeot 505 on the merkaz klita, an 8-seater station wagon about the size of a Volvo. Costing about U.S. $14,000, they were very popular among American olim with large families. Insurance for them, at non-oleh replacement value, is about $1,200 a year.

This fall, it was the year of the Renault 18, a smaller 5-seater wagon costing about $8,000 to buy and $700 to insure.

Purchase and insurance costs come out of olim's savings.

Going to the bank almost every day

Presence of millions of Moslems

Israeli-Indian relations remain poor

The assassination of India's prime minister, Indira Gandhi, prompted Washington correspondent JOSEPH POLAKOFF to review the state of India-Israel relations.

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India does not have diplomatic representation in Israel but Israel maintains a consulate in Bombay whose activity is restricted to that area. The consul has never been officially invited to Delhi, India's capital.

Relations between India and Israel have been at the lowest diplomatic level since the two countries became independent states within one year. Britain ended its rule in India in August 1947 and gave up its mandate in Palestine the following May.

Both in the decade prior to Israel's rebirth and in the difficult years after World War II when British forces fought Jewish survivors of the Holocaust to prevent them from entering Palestine, the government in London factored India's huge Moslem population into its political equation about Palestine and India and to a considerable extent apparently still does.

For years before World War II, the British government kept in mind that siding with Zionists, despite the Balfour Declaration, would arouse the Moslems in India which then included what is now Moslem Pakistan. More than 70 million Moslems continue to live in India.

Britain sought to allay Moslem anger by coldness towards Zionism, since it needed India's manpower and resources in the face of Hitlerism's rise in Germany and economic support after World War II. This was in addition to the then Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's personal antagonism towards Jews and their hopes for a state of Israel.

The presence of the Moslem millions in India also appeared to be a major reason that kept India's first prime minister and Indira's father, Jawaharlal Nehru, who ruled for 17 years, from extending more than token recognition of Israel despite Jewish contribution for centuries to India's wellbeing. Jews have been living in India since shortly after destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem more than 19 centuries ago.

Another wave came there mainly from Persia after the 17th century and contributed greatly to its industry, commerce and military prowess during British rule and in the present republic. Many Indian Jews emigrated to Israel after 1948.

During a visit to India five years ago this reporter was struck by the vast achievements of Jews in its transport system and leadership in the Indian army's combat forces as well as in economic and financial institutions.

Nehru, Yugoslavia's Tito and Egypt's Gamel Nasser organized the Non-Alignment movement in the 1950s that excluded Israel and formed the core of the present Third World array generally antagonistic both to the United States and Israel. In this context, Nehru and Indira Gandhi consistently supported the aspirations of the Arab states and their hostility towards Israel.

Indira Gandhi

Last year, as an example of Delhi's attitude, Israel was barred from participating in the Asian games held in India.

Gandhi became head of the Non-Alignment, which repeatedly condemns Israel, in March of last year.

Anti-semitism was non-existent in India until Arab propaganda against Zionism and Israel began infesting its media and political entities but nevertheless important newspapers gave Israel fair treatment despite Delhi's Non-Alignment views. Another example of feeling was the refusal for years of the world famous conductor Zubin Mehta from leading an orchestra in India, his native land. Mehta, who is not Jewish, is musical director of Israel's Philharmonic.

Yasser Arafat, the PLO's chief, frequently has visited Delhi and received its diplomatic support in the United Nations and other international forums. Upon her assassination, Arafat said "the Palestinian people remember the firm, friendly and courageous positions she has taken and the support the prime minister always gave our cause."

Jewish Harold Lasky, Britain's brilliant political theoretician, is credited as being one of the powerful intellectuals who shaped Indira Gandhi's view of world affairs and India's relationship to them. While she was at Oxford for a year, she became acquainted with the Socialist Lasky and V. K. Krishna Menon, who later became India's foreign minister.

Lasky's thoughts fashioned much of India's economic policies after its independence. Menon was totally disliked by U.S. secretary of State John Foster Dulles for his maneuvering during the Non-Alignment's formation — although Dulles was not a friend of Israel.

Among statements regarding the assassination was that of Hardan Singh Azad, chairman of the Sikh Association of America, who was interviewed by USA Today in Houston. While saying he personally does not believe that "the human race ought to resort to violence in any circumstances," Azad added the assassination is easy to understand.

"Mrs. Gandhi wanted to wipe out the Sikhs' identity," he was quoted. "She and her followers don't want to see a separate religion . . . Just as Hitler ordered the killing of so many Jews, whether or not they had committed any crime, Mrs. Gandhi gave the army orders to shoot to kill. They did not check whether the target was a child, a woman, a pilgrim, a visitor, or a so-called terrorist."

Whether change in Indian-Israeli relations will come under the government of her son, Rajiv, appears dubious — at least in the near future, a U.S. official indicated (to this reporter). Israelis expert in combatting guerrillas are now aiding Sri Lanka's government oppose the rebellious Tamils there, he noted. Tamils live in South India which is separated from Sri Lanka by a narrow stretch of water. Washington is understood to have persuaded Israelis to help the Sri Lanka Government train its forces.

Should U.S.-Indian relations improve dramatically, the official observed, this may lead also to improvement in Indian-Israeli ties.

Opinion

Arab money, British journalism skills unite

Slick publications pouring out anti-Israel vitriol

By
ARNOLD AGES

One of the more frequently heard arguments these days is that Israel enjoys a special immunity from criticism in the West.

As if in response to this perception a whole new publishing industry has been born — English language publications reflecting the Arab view.

The publications in question range from the thinly disguised PLO Journal of Palestine Studies to the seemingly non-political Arts and the Islamic World.

While the Journal of Palestine Studies is available primarily in the periodical section of good libraries (and hence has only a limited readership) many of the other pro-Arab publications are sold at newsstands in North America.

One of the interesting things about these often slickly produced magazines is that they originate in London, where Arab money and British journalism skills have been combined to produce publications of high literary if not political merit.

The most intriguing is the Middle East Magazine (PO Box 261, 69 Great Queen St., London WC2B 5BN) edited by Nadia Hijab. The magazine has a very smart layout with just the right amount of bold face type, boxes and photographs.

The attractiveness of the format is contrasted with the ugliness of its political commentary.

From cover to cover the Middle East Magazine is little more than a propaganda organ for the PLO, at least insofar as its coverage of Israeli affairs is concerned.

In a recent issue the publication featured news of a meeting in Vienna (June, 1984) at which anti-Zionist polemicist Alfred Lilienthal met with other like-minded people to deplore Zionism's culpability in the Sabra and Shatila massacres.

In the same issue there were stories dealing with alleged Israeli mistreatment of Arabs within Israel. Perhaps the most sensational of the latter was one headlined "Israel's gas chamber." The loaded headline referred to charges that at the Ramleh prison in Israel detainees have been subjected to gassing. The article purports to prove that Israeli Jews of oriental origin have suffered from prison brutality as much as Palestinian prisoners.

While the Middle East Magazine intersperses its horror stories from Israel with some occasional solid reportage about Arab economic developments, the magazine's main purpose is to vilify Israel. A 3-page article is devoted to defending Ziad Abu-Ain (convicted of blowing up people in Tiberias in 1979) and denigrating Israel for its persecution of the "innocent" victim.

The innocence of the PLO is a leitmotif in the monthly periodical Africa, Asia, published simultaneously in Paris (13, rue d'Uzes) and London. While ostensibly dealing with the broad concerns of Africa and Asia the publication, edited by Simon Malley, has a narrow focus when dealing with Israel and the Arab states. That focus is hostile to the Jewish state. The tone of the magazine may be gauged by the serious coverage it gives to Libya's Qaddafi who, while the subject of criticism, emerges as a legitimate leader.

Perhaps the strangest article in the October 1984 issue of this journal is an interview with Khaled al-Hassan, consisting of excerpts from a speech the "president of the foreign relations committee of the PLO" gave in Tunis in August. The title of al-Hassan's talk is "Democracy and the PLO."

Mr. al-Hassan writes about the decision of the PLO to adopt the concepts of democracy "as the basis for relations between the various political organizations and popular federations in their cooperative action as a broad national front and also in their dealings with the Palestinian people."

(It is interesting to note that al-Hassan omits mention of the fate of Issam Sartawi, a PLO dove who was murdered last year for trying to express his "democratic" view.)

In its coverage of Israel Africa, Asia is predictably vitriolic although the magazine clothes its venom in parliamentary language. In the October number Ghazi Sarhane speculates that the new government of national unity in Israel differs little from the previous one in its "racist" attitude towards Palestinians and that the new coalition "could be a temptation to new adventurism."

The charge that Israel is a racist state appears frequently in Al Fajr Jerusalem Palestinian Weekly, an English language version of a Jerusalem publication which originates in Washington (2025 Eye St., Suite 925). In tabloid newspaper format, Al Fajr is available from news kiosks in New York City (this writer purchased his copy outside the New York Public Library on 42nd St.).

The paper is unashamedly PLO in its orientation. Each article in the Aug. 10 number features allegations of Israeli aggression, brutality and racism — with the exception of a few stories heralding Palestinian cultural affairs. Al Fajr emphasizes accounts of alleged Israeli discrimination against Arabs in schools, at work and at home.

The publication had a field day with Rabbi Kahane's anti-Arab posture during the election campaign. Both Arab and Palestinian contributors exploited the story for all it was worth. Articles against settlers are also a staple in Al Fajr.

Terrorists know they'll be exchanged

More Israelis call for death penalty

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

Israel is the only state in the Middle East without hangmen or firing squads . . . but it may soon lose this distinction.

This is because of a growing demand for the imposition of the death penalty on Arab terrorists guilty of particularly heinous crimes.

The most recent of these occurred some weeks ago when a young couple strolling hand in hand through a little valley on the outskirts of Jerusalem were shot down in cold blood by a Bethlehem Arab for the sole and simple reason that they were Jews.

This was not an isolated incident and, indeed, scarcely a month goes by without some innocent Israeli suffering a similar fate.

In other countries where the death penalty is debated, its opponents generally suggest life imprisonment as an alternative. For example, the grandmother recently executed in North Carolina might, instead, have spent her remaining years behind bars. But this is not the situation here, at least where Arab terrorists are concerned.

For while they may be sentenced to life imprisonment, they know full well that after only a few years in jail they will almost certainly be exchanged for Israelis held hostage by the PLO. This means, as The Jerusalem Post put it in a recent editorial, "they can purchase 'heroism' at an acceptable price."

In such circumstances, the paper, hitherto a staunch opponent of the death penalty, says that the country must "rethink its assumptions" on the subject.

The imposition of the supreme penalty would demand a change in "assumptions," but not in law, for Israeli statutes already permit a person to be hanged for treason or murder. Be that as it may, no one, except for Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, has ever been executed here in the last 35 years.

There are some elements of the population who oppose executions on moral grounds, but the government's opposition — at least until now — has been primarily influenced by other considerations. They were restated once again recently by Haim Barlev, a former chief of staff who is now serving as minister of police. In the first instance, he said, death sentences are not likely to deter terrorists, particularly since many seem bent on suicide. In addition, he went on, "by executing such people we turn them into martyrs and also give the Arabs an excuse to hang any Israeli who might fall into their hands."

The issue has not been brought up at the cabinet recently and so there is no way of knowing just how many ministers agree with Barlev. However, at least one of them — Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir — has gone on record of favoring the death penalty — at least in some cases.

It goes without saying that right-wing elements are vigorous supporters of hanging Arab terrorists, and this is one of the reasons, though by no means the only one, that they have gained popular support in recent months. A poll published in Ma'ariv, the popular Tel Aviv daily, showed that if elections were held now Kahane's Kach Party would win three to four seats (as against one in July), and that the Tehiya Party, also on the far right, would go from five to seven or eight seats.

Couple favored Palestinian state

Ironically enough, the young Jewish couple so brutally murdered on the outskirts of Jerusalem were themselves both strong opponents of the death penalty. Ron Levy, the 24-year-old boy, was, in addition, an active supporter of Arab rights and favored the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

This has been pointed out by his grieving family, who have requested that his death "not be exploited for cynical political purposes." But their own views have naturally become "less liberal" because of the tragedy.

Anat, Ron's 27-year-old sister, says that "before the murder I was full of understanding for the Arabs and their problems; now I've begun to hate them."

Her uncle, Israel Alexander, strikes a similar note: "Until now I was always against the death penalty for terrorists. Now I don't know. I just don't know!"

Whom do we value?

Flipside view painful

By
ELAINE KAHN

In the middle of October I left my job with one of the countless fund raising organizations Toronto's Jewish community supports to set up a career as a writer.

On Nov. 7 I negotiated a deal with this paper to write a general column — in lighter vein — twice a month.

Two days later, my father-in-law, Jack Troster, died suddenly. You will pardon me if this inaugural column is not funny. It is, however, necessary, both for me and for you.

My last job was public relations, but I learned a lot about fund raising, if mainly by osmosis. I learned that more donations result from tragedies than from simchas. I learned that the competition between organizations is more friendly than fierce. I learned that I was terribly thin-skinned: since we raised a lot of our money from people memorializing the dead, jokes about death and the dead ran rampant in the office — I suppose to relieve the tension. Although I eventually learned to join in, I never became comfortable at all with the notion that some dead people, dead "machers" were worth more than other people.

In these past few weeks of horror and disbelief over the loss of one of the cornerstones of my world, knowing I lost Dad, but feeling as if I am the one who is lost, I have learned the flipside of that fund raising world. I have learned why it was important that the secretary who sent out the donation cards had good handwriting and why it was important that she get full addresses of donors, to help the bereaved when they get around to sending out thank yous.

I have, in some ways, learned who my friends are. But, above all, I have learned what it means to be on the other end of the jokes I never felt comfortable with — because I think the mentality behind them has filtered down into the general mentality of the community and that is extremely painful to me, let alone opposed to what I think Judaism means.

The funeral was at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am (referred to in some circles as Anshe Shatnes). I was too far gone to take note of the size of the crowd, but I have heard estimates as high as 800 people.

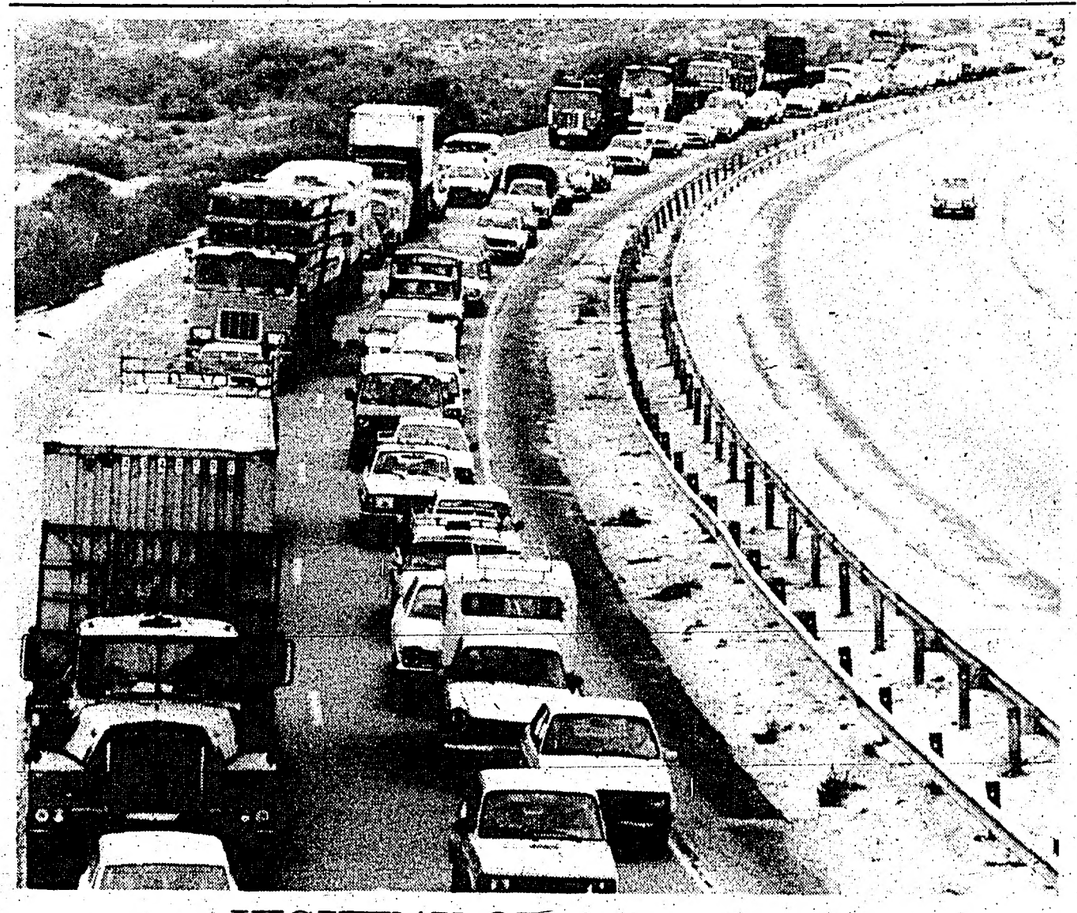
The next day, after I took my children to school, trying to keep up the pretence that the world hadn't, for now, fallen apart, I ran into a well-meaning acquaintance.

"I hope you realize," he said, "what a tribute such a large funeral was to your father-in-law. After all, it wasn't as if he was a community leader."

I'm not known for reticence, but it was only after getting into my car that my anger at this remark surfaced. My husband's family and friends suffered a great tragedy Nov. 9 — but the community itself is in the middle of an ongoing tragedy if a large funeral for someone who was "merely" a good, gentle, unassuming very Jewish family man is something to be remarked on, rather than something to be expected.

Many times in my office the death of a macher didn't bring in the expected amount of bucks, much to everyone's chagrin. I am glad I am not this month in the offices of the many good organizations in this city which have benefited by my father-in-law's death, because I don't want to hear the surprise in the voices of the people who work there — surprise at getting so much money for someone who was not a macher, who was merely a treasure.

Our tradition teaches that the crown of a good name is the greatest crown of all. I think it's about time we dust that one off and remember it.



HIGHWAY OR CAR PARK?

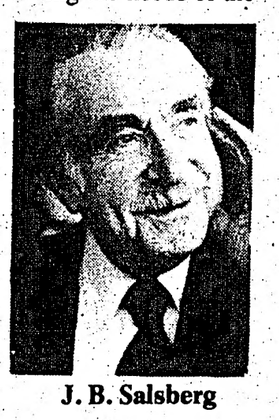
This photo shows a traffic jam, caused by an accident, on Israel's Ashdod-Tel Aviv highway. Motorists on the other side give thanks that they're going in the opposite direction. [IPPA photo]

Opinion

Caring volunteers deserve highest praise

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Jewish tradition has, long ago, recognized the importance of the individual's voluntary involvement in services that meet the community's needs. Indeed, there is a special prayer offered, during the Sabbath morning services, for all who engage in serving the needs of the organized community.



J. B. Salsberg

Recently, while musing over the state of the world's condition, I became momentarily overcome by the mounting signs of man's inhumanity to man. There is the never-ending chain of bloody and devastating wars that rage in various parts of the world at this very moment; there are the revolting acts of organized terrorism that creatures, who are ostensibly dedicated to a national, tribal or religious cause, commit against real or imagined opponents of their alleged "causes."

Believe me, my dear friends, that I'm not unmindful of what we believe to be the root causes of all such disturbing and distressing occurences. But one's faith in the essential goodness of human beings is, nevertheless, shaken by the mounting wave of death, destruction, hunger and pestilence — whether it happens in Vietnam or in Afghanistan, in the Middle East or in Africa, in Central and South America or in authoritarian dictatorships anywhere else in this tortured universe. It is, as best expressed in a Yiddish idiom — "it is feh, feh, feh."

But, when despair seems to have taken over, one recalls the dove that returned to Noah's Ark with a twig of greenery in its beak; one thinks of the rainbow that promised an end to the flood; one remembers the inspiring responses to the starving masses in Ethiopia and, last but not least, one is deeply touched by the helpfulness that the veritable army of unheralded volunteers displays day after day to the patients and their visiting families in our hospitals and to the residents of our centres for senior citizens.

One observes such demonstrations of kindness and helpfulness and one's trust in the essential goodness of humankind is renewed.

A number of recent, personal experiences brought me to these more cheerful conclusions.

During the past few weeks I had occasion to visit a number of hospitalized relatives and friends. I also attended some events in the Toronto Jewish Home for the Aged and in the excellent Terrace — annex of the Baycrest complex. In Mount Sinai Hospital as in the Toronto General Hospital and, even more so, in Baycrest I was overcome by the army of volunteers that catered to the physical and emotional needs not only of the patients and the residents but also to the visiting relatives and friends. I was filled with gratitude to this dedicated collective of helpful human beings.

I do not minimize the value of the larger segment of people (mostly women) who give liberally of their time and energy to the periodic campaigns that are conducted with heightened intensity in the Jewish community. I have in mind, especially, the unsung heroes of Hadassah during their famous bazaars, or of the Pioneer Women, or of Women's ORT and other similar contingents during their major annual fund raising affairs. Nor am I underestimating the dedication and tireless activities of our men and women during the annual UJA campaigns. But most of those engagements are of a fixed time frame.

The praise that I want to sing now is of those many hundreds of volunteers in our Mount Sinai Hospital, in the Baycrest complex, in the Meals on Wheels service, in Reena and other such vital service centres where the volunteer's duties and performance is of an ongoing, week-in and-week-out kind. It is in this area of people-helping-people that our insufficiently recognized and unsung heroes are found. What a wonderful category of decent, sharing and giving army of human beings they are!

Two thoughts occurred to me as I was observing and admiring the activities of the Jewish volunteers (and the non-Jewish equivalent as well, of course).

One — that no normally healthy Jewish man or woman in our midst can reasonably complain of lacking something to do. No one needs to idle away his or her time. None need feel bored with themselves. There is a vast, beckoning field of useful services to those who are, temporarily or permanently, in need of friendly attention and assistance. What better and more compensating opportunities can a person in good health and a minimum of social responsibility ask for?

Two — I believe that we should elevate the area of voluntarism to the centre of our community's concerns.

A volunteer should be considered an honored member of the community.

In each of our communities we should demonstrate the importance of voluntarism and our appreciation of what the volunteers do by establishing a "Volunteers Day" in our annual calendar.

It should be a day in which we pay a well-deserved tribute to all our men and women who, by their devotion and performance, receive the public acknowledgement that their selfless and ongoing service to their fellow men and women so richly deserves.

All honor to our wonderful, our meritorious volunteers! Forwards to an annual Volunteers Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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ISRAEL DOES HELP BLACKS

I don't write to editors frequently, but the Nov. 8 letter from Charles E. Flam, of Montreal, decrying "the apathy to the appalling plight of our fellow Jews in and from Ethiopia" motivated me to "right an injustice."

I feel sorry for Flam that he is suffering such pain for our Jewish people due to his lack of knowledge.

Has he been to Israel recently? Has he visited absorption centres and observed Ethiopian children in nursery schools, teenagers and adults in ulpanim, families in apartment house absorption centres, young people in Youth Aliyah residential schools?

I go to Israel three times a year. I speak as an eyewitness.

It is encouraging to see the devotion and care given to children, youth and families by the same Yehuda Dominitiz and his staff whom Flam deprecates and whom I praise from first-hand knowledge.

If, in Jewish tradition, saving a child is like saving the world, the Israel government and the Jewish Agency for Israel can be likened to saving not only the world, but the universe.

Manuel Batshaw
Montreal

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JEZEBEL A NOT-NICE GIRL

Jezebel was a Phoenician princess, daughter of a priest of Baal. She encouraged her husband, King Ahab of Israel, to kill Naboth for his vineyard. She wanted Elijah put to death. She wanted all Israel to forsake the morality and holiness of the teachings of Moses.

All in all, she was a thoroughly not-nice girl.

Rabbi Immanuel Schochet (in his talk, "Jezebel as rabbi," advertised in The CJN) equates women wanting equality in Jewish life with Jezebel.

He likens their striving for equal rights — such as their bat mitzvahs and ordination as rabbis — to the Jezebels of old leading men to the worship of golden idols.

He sees Jewish men as weak and only attached to God in some surface manner, easily led into corruption by the thought of an ankle on the bimah or earrings in the pulpit.

If there are women out there who are interested in becoming involved in Judaism in all aspects, not just koshering their chickens, perhaps — instead of decrying Reform Judaism and never once experiencing a Reform Shabbat service — they might make it a point to visit a Reform temple and see, for themselves, how women can become full first-class citizens in Jewish life.

If, like the rebbe, you believe that women sitting equal with men and sharing in synagogue life is the first step down the road to Moloch, then continue as you are.

If, however, you want to feel that you are a fully equal partner to your husband, brother, father, in synagogue life and synagogue prayer and synagogue study, please join us some Shabbat and ask questions so that, unlike the rabbi, you will know what non-Orthodox Judaism is about.

We have no horns and no tail.

Ray Havelock
Temple Har Zion
Thornhill

Jezebel is depicted advising King Ahab of Israel in this 1197 sketch.

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ENJOYS OUR STORYTELLERS

As a frequent visitor to your city from Michigan, I regularly attend the One Thousand and One Friday Nights of Storytelling at 235 Brunswick Ave. and once a year I bring my children to the Festival of Storytelling (at the end of February). My family and I enjoy the various activities related to the art of storytelling.

The renaissance of this art, in your city, is originally due to the creative energy and talent of Daniel Yashinsky, storyteller par-excellence and co-founder of the Storytellers School in Toronto. This movement is spreading and encircling the whole community.

Thank you for permitting me to share my enjoyment of this art with your readers.

Nanci Squarcia
Southfield, Mich.

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"OUR CASH 100% KOSHER"

Rabbi Solomon Burak, in his Nov. 22 letter replying to Rabbi Dow Marmur, complains that Marmur should not be "threatening political or economic warfare to gain a theological decision."

What does Burak say about thousands of chassidim demonstrating in New York in front of the Israeli consulate with real or imagined grievances against cabinet decisions in Israel?

This year, as in the past, Orthodox rabbis in Israel warned the populace against attending High Holiday services under Conservative or Reform sponsorship.

It is a paradox of Jewish life that we, the great majority of North American Jews, who are either Reform, Conservative or chas v'chelilah, secular, are not really Jews.

But our money, whether for yeshivas, talmud torahs or other institutions, is 100% kosher!

As to who is a Jew, let me remind your correspondent that Hitler and his cohorts in exterminating 6 million of our brethren in Europe did not question their victims as to which branch of Judaism they adhered to.

Jay Jacobs
Toronto

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IRKED BY RABBI'S VIEWS

As a committed Jew, and one trying to teach my own and other people's children to take pride in being Reform Jews, I take offence to Rabbi Immanuel Schochet's article, "Halacha stands as a unifying factor."

His statement that "Reform was created . . . for the purpose of partial assimilation" is argumentative and historically untrue.

Reform Judaism arose in the mid-1800s to allow those Jews who no longer lived in ghettos to retain their ancestral heritage.

Equally untrue is Rabbi Schochet's equation of Reform Judaism with Jews for Jesus and other Christian sects. He, of course, knows full well that Christians believe that Jesus was the messiah, that he came once about 2,000 years ago, and is expected to come again sometime in the future.

Reform Jews believe — as do all Jews — that the messiah, a descendant of David, has yet to come, and that we must all try to hasten that coming by making the world a better place.

Rabbi Schochet's reply to Rabbi Marmur would have been more constructive had he learned more about Reform Judaism.

Zita Gardner
Toronto

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GORDON NO MINDLESS DRIFTER

Re Carl Alpert's Nov. 15 article on Livnot U'lehibanot in Safed:

I was there last month and met the Michael Gordon mentioned in the report and wish to correct an unwarranted inference.

Michael Gordon volunteered to serve for a year under the Sherut l'Am program, and was assigned to Safed by the Jewish Agency. He teaches half-days, and helps the Botzer group the rest of the time. He does not live with them.

He was not "just passing through." He is an extremely purposeful and mature person, not some mindless drifter or wide-eyed tourist that "passing through" implies.

Harold B. Gordon
Montreal

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A SALUTE TO DANES

I read the Nov. 15 article by Sheldon Kirshner on how the Christians of Denmark helped their fellow Jewish citizens.

I was delighted to read especially the following sentence: "The Danes made it clear to the Nazis that they could not lay a finger on their Jewish population."

I can't help but compare the Danes with the people of Hungary. With the exception of a small percentage, they were one of the worst nations in the treatment of their fellow Jewish citizens.

I was lucky to stay in the ghetto in Budapest (not to be taken away) and liberated from there. But the memories of hatred and atrocities inflicted on us by the Hungarians haunted me day and night and still do.

Even during the 1956 uprising, which started as a peaceful demonstration against the Russian occupation by the university students, after a few days, like an avalanche it got bigger and uglier day by day, until the mob started on the Jews again.

They even put posters on walls on the streets saying in rhymes "Iczig nem kell menned Auswitzig," which meant: "You Jews don't have to go to Auschwitz, we are going to kill you right here."

I knew I couldn't expect any help from them. I only wished that they wouldn't hunt us down and kill us like animals.

How I marvel at the people of Denmark!

I. Grossman
Toronto

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KNOCKS SOUTH AFRICANS

I was extremely surprised to read, "A walk on the wild side," Sheldon Kirshner's travel article in the Nov. 8 issue.

In it, Kirshner describes his exciting, safari-like adventure through the wilds of Sabi Sabi, a private game reserve in northern South Africa.

As Jews who have been discriminated against throughout our history, it is appalling to find our community newspaper publicizing the wonders of the South African countryside, while at the same time ignoring the cruel and racist policies this country is so closely associated with.

Aware of the injustices committed in the name of "racial purity," we Jews should be supporting the pleas of democratic movements in South Africa to boycott this country in all possible ways until South Africans are treated fairly and have full access to civil rights and democratic processes.

Helene Klodawsky
Montreal

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THANKS FROM ORT

Just a quick note to let you know how much we appreciated the excellent coverage of our recent ORT convention in Winnipeg.

The plaeement of the articles and the well-written and accurate reporting by Myron Love all contributed to the "afterglow" of this most successful convention.

Thank you once again, and looking forward to future ORT coverage in The Canadian Jewish News.

Diane Uslaner
National executive director
Toronto

World-National

"Positive" development cited

AJC urges postponement of UNESCO pullout

NEW YORK —

While supporting the U.S. government's "decisive and firm position of withdrawing from UNESCO if appropriate reform is not accomplished," the American Jewish Committee has called upon President Reagan's administration "to postpone by a year a decision to withdraw from UNESCO."

This decision, says the AJC, is based on the fact that "positive" development took place at a recent UNESCO executive board meeting in Paris at which western proposals to reverse the politicization of the body were considered.

President Reagan is scheduled to review his decision to withdraw the United States from UNESCO as of Jan. 1.

The AJC's national executive council made its views known in a resolution adopted recently in Chicago. It understood that "if in another year real improvement is not apparent" in the depoliticization of UNESCO, America's "firm posture (regarding withdrawal) should be maintained and implemented."

The AJC resolution was formulated by the International Relations Commission, whose chairman is Leo Nevas of Westport, Conn., and whose director is Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the national executive council.

In urging that the withdrawal decision be postponed for a year, the AJC resolution noted that President Reagan had originally announced his intention to withdraw if the "agency failed to reverse political tendencies inimical to democratic values as well as to reform its management and budgetary practices."

The resolution continued: "Currently the U.S. government is assessing the results of the recently concluded UNESCO executive board meeting at which reform proposals submitted by the U.S. and several West European states were considered.

"These proposals, in addition to addressing questions of budget and management, were intended to reverse the politicization and anti-democratic direction of the agency, initiatives we wholeheartedly support. Reports of the executive board meeting indicate that positive developments occurred although unresolved issues remain. In light of the tentative but nonetheless generally positive results of that meeting and our traditional support for the ideals and purposes of UNESCO and for institutions of genuine international cooperation, the American Jewish Committee calls on our government to postpone the decision on withdrawal for one year."

The resolution noted that during this period there will be opportunity to assess the willingness of the member states and of the director-general "to comply with the letter and spirit of UNESCO's constitution, and in particular to avoid political issues that are outside the agency's jurisdiction . . .

"There will also be several more occasions," the resolution stated, "to pursue proposals for reform at next year's executive board meeting and especially at the next biennial general conference, UNESCO's highest policy-making body, in 1985. At that time, our government will be in a better position to evaluate more definitely its future relationship with UNESCO."

Meanwhile, the British government has given notice that it will withdraw from UNESCO as of Dec. 31, 1985.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, secretary of state for foreign and commonwealth affairs, told the British House of Commons recently that most of the reforms sought by Britain in UNESCO have not been achieved.

He said the government felt impelled to act after the U.S. announced it would withdraw at the end of 1984 and, in April, wrote to the organization's director-general calling for a number of radical changes, both in the running and programs of the Paris-based agency. The government said at that time it would review its position at the end of the year.

Britain said it is putting a lot of store in the outcome of UNESCO's general conference next October in Sofia, Bulgaria. "We shall be prepared to reconsider our position toward the end of next year in the light of results of the general conference," said Howe.

In Ottawa, a spokesman for the department of external affairs reiterated long-standing policy stating that Canada has no intention of withdrawing its support for UNESCO. Sean Brady said Canada considers it best to work from within to reform the organization.

Arab Labor MK drops planned Amman visit

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Abdel Wahab Darousha, an Arab member of the Knesset, called off a planned visit to Jordan last week to attend the 17th session of the Palestine National Council.

Darousha, a member of the Labor Party, was all set to fly to Amman from Cyprus when he was persuaded to return to Israel. It was his intention to meet PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to convince him to renounce terrorism and accept Israel's existence.

Darousha's plan caused an uproar in Israel, since it is illegal for an Israeli to visit an enemy country.

Yitzhak Zamir, the Israeli attorney-general, said he will not hesitate to initiate legal proceedings in the future against any MK who tries to emulate Darousha.

As Laborites sought to distance themselves from Darousha, several leftist MKS, Jewish and Arab, came to his defence. Yossi Sarid, a former Laborite who switched to the Civil Rights Movement (CRM) because he would not support the Labor-Likud unity government, asked in the Knesset what all the hysteria was about.

"It's no tragedy," he said, explaining that the Arab Labor MK was merely trying to get the PLO to recognize Israel.

Cornerstone ceremony held for Frankfort centre

BONN (JTA) —

The cornerstone of a 15 million-mark new Jewish community centre was laid in Frankfurt last week in the presence of local civic and Jewish community leaders. The city of Frankfurt is providing 7.5 million marks toward its construction.

Mayor Walter Wallmann of Frankfurt, who spoke at the ceremonies, hailed the contributions of many generations of Jews to Frankfurt and said the city wanted to be a monument to liberal and tolerant attitudes after the atrocities of the Nazi era.

Turning to Ignaz Bubis, chairman of the local Jewish community, Wallmann said: "It is not you who have to thank the town for the contribution toward building this centre. It is we who have to thank you."

Bubis said the new centre "will be an open house that will try to contribute to the enormous task of bridging the gap between Germany and the Jewish people." Located on Savignystrasse in the west end district of the city, the centre will contain a kindergarten and preparatory school, a youth club and an auditorium to seat 600 persons. It is due to open early in 1986.

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Reagan optimistic on new talks

Egypt calls for Palestinian state

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occupied territories and said it supports "in particular" the need to include the Palestine Liberation Organization in any resolution of the conflict.

Khalil said a solution to the conflict should be based on the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people, the right of all states to exist in peace within their internationally recognized boundaries and the return of all occupied territories, including Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

"Let us make room in the Middle East for the Palestinian people," he said, "so that they too can establish their own state and join the community of nations."

During the debate, Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovski blamed "Israeli aggression" for the fact that the conflict has not yet been settled. He said the U.S. shared equal responsibility for the situation because it provided the military and economic aid that enabled Israel to pursue its "adventurous cause."

The Soviet Union, Troyanovski said, was ready to cooperate with all who sought a constructive solution to the problem and the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the area.

On Nov. 29, the UN observed International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, established by a 1977 General Assembly resolution. The observance marked the 37th anniversary of the UN decision to partition Palestine.

A special meeting of the Palestinian Rights Committee was held and there were statements by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and General Assembly President Paul Lusaka of Zambia. Films were shown on the Palestinians as well as a PLO-organized exhibition on Palestinian rights.

In another development, the Security Council voted to extend the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force on the Golan Heights for another six months — until May 31. Israel and Syria agreed to the extension and it was approved unanimously.

Israel benefits with new Senate

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Simpson has supported aid to Israel and, like most Republicans, voted for the Reagan administration's sale of AWACs to Saudi Arabia.

Probably the most important result for Israel in the Senate leadership elections was Lugar becoming chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, which became possible after Senator Jesse Helms said he would remain as chairman of the agriculture committee.

Helms, during his re-election campaign, had promised to remain on the agriculture committee to protect his state's tobacco interests, but there had been strong pressure from the conservative right for him to take the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee created by the defeat of Sen. Charles Percy. Helms has consistently opposed all foreign aid, including that to Israel and has been considered by some to be anti-Israel.

Lugar, who is one of four senators defeated by Dole for the majority Leader's position, has been building ties with the Jewish community since coming to the Senate in 1977. He is considered "good" on foreign aid for Israel but like the other two senators voted for the AWACs sale.

Lugar is expected to go along with most administration requests. He and the new Senate leadership are expected to look favorably on the expected administration requests for arms for Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Nazi hunter criticizes sympathy for Artukovic

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) —

For Simon Wiesenthal, the arrest of alleged Croatian Nazi Andrija Artukovic in California ended a quest of 30 years — but still he took no joy in the news.

(Artukovic, 84, of Seal Beach, south of Los Angeles, was arrested on Nov. 14 by federal authorities who were acting on a new request for extradition by the government of Yugoslavia.)

Speaking recently at a press conference after a rare public appearance before 1,200 persons at the YM-YWHA Branch of the Jewish Community Centres of Greater Philadelphia, Wiesenthal bemoaned the fact that there will be a lot of sympathy for Artukovic because of his age and because he is now in a prison hospital suffering from heart problems.

"But I have been after him since he was in his 50s and his age does not hide the fact that this is without a doubt the biggest criminal in the U.S. responsible for the murder of 200,000 to 600,000 persons including 60,000 Jews," Wiesenthal said.

Artukovic, who has lived in the United States since 1948, was the minister of the interior and justice in the Nazi puppet state of Croatia during World War II and was also in charge of the notorious Jacenovac concentration camp.

Until the latest development, Artukovic had successfully evaded all legal moves against him since 1951. Neil Sher, director of the U.S. justice department's Office of Special Investigations has said in connection with Artukovic: "We will pursue this case vigorously with the hope that Artukovic will be sent back to Yugoslavia as soon as possible."

Wiesenthal, in part, blamed the Cold War and the Western powers' preoccupation with Communism in the years after World War II as being responsible for Artukovic being allowed to live in freedom in the U.S. for 36 years.

He praised Neil Sher, saying he "is a fighter and very active."

Creche draws protest

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not believe it is the business of government to sponsor any religious display — be it a creche, menorah or some other symbol."

Kenneth Bialkin, ADL chairman, said the Park Service decision showed "a lack of sensitivity for the feelings of non-Christians and also violates the First Amendment's prohibition against establishment of a religion."

Bialkin said the Park Service was "ill advised" to base its decision on the Pawtucket ruling last March adding that the Supreme Court has before it another Nativity case in Scarsdale, NY, involving a privately sponsored display on public property, and that the Park Service "should at least have waited" until the entire issue was constitutionally clarified.

Camp Hatikvah

a Jewish co-educational summer camp, located in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, is now receiving applications for summer '85 for the following staff positions: Cabin Counsellors, Drama Counsellor, Land Sports Counsellor, Waterfront Director, Boating (canoeing, sailing, etc.) Director, Leadership in Training Director and Head Staff Positions.

Applicants will require a Jewish background. Application forms available from Shirley Kushner, Administrator, Camp Hatikvah, 950 West 41st Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2N7. (604) 327-9072.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Because of the holiday season, December deadlines for this this column have been moved ahead. Your cooperation will enable us to give your notices appropriate attention. Deadline for the Dec. 20 issue is Tuesday noon, Dec. 11. I'll be at my desk on Monday, Dec. 10 to receive phone calls. Deadline for the Dec. 27 issue is Monday noon, Dec. 17 and I'll take your calls on Friday, Dec. 14. Watch this space for further deadline announcements.

GREAT CANADIAN WEST EVENT

If you're a Canadian Westerner now living in Toronto, there'a a surprise for you - an evening of theatre, drinks, friends, food, and even a fiddler, all at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Meet the Cast of Raisins and Almonds, Sunday, Dec. 16. Show is at 8 p.m., and the gathering follows.

Come alone or bring a group. Either way you'll feel welcome.

Why don't you tell your friends!

JEWISH STAGE WORKSHOPS

Ben Lennick, coordinator of Jewish Stage Productions, announces a complete roster of instructors for the 10-session workshops which will begin Monday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m., and conclude March 11. Included are, **Paul Kligman, Basya Hunter, Sylvia Lennick, Esther Ghan, Leo Orenstein, Prof. Sydney Perlmutter** and **Rick Kardonne.**

The sessions, open to all who are interested in Jewish theatre, will concentrate on various theatrical skills - voice, movement, interpretation and role modelling, and will be conducted in English. Coordinator Ben Lennick, will present a history of theatre, with emphasis on the development of Yiddish theatre.

Following completion of the workshops, the group will present a play for the community.

To inquire further phone **Ben Lennick,** 633-7671.

ASSOCIATED SCIENCE FAIR '84

The Annual Science Fair of the Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High, is set for Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., 3630 Bathurst St. [Neptune and Bathurst].

Joe Leibovitch, science chairman, announces that over 300 students from grades 7 and 8 are involved in producing a project for class presentation and for Science Fair displays.

Focus is on a demonstration of scientific method, and there will be experimental projects on Energy, Conservation, Conductivity, Botany, Polarization, Magnetism, Biology, Sound, Light and Heat.

The Science Fair is open to the public, and admission is free.

AT SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

A Book Sale and Coffee Shop are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. New books, ideal for Chanukah and other gift giving, will be available.

On Monday, Dec. 10, at the synagogue, the Sisterhood meeting will host a presentation by the Ontario Women's League. Everyone is welcome.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Am Echad congregation of Thornhill, is arranging a Chanukah party for Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Parkway Hotel [Leslie and Hwy. 7], 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A magic show, clowns and a puppet show, are planned. Latkes and other refreshments will be served.

To reserve space for your family, call 499-1584.

SPECIAL STUDIO ART SALE

A special sale of paintings, graphics, enamels, glass, silks and ceramics, by **Tutzi Seguin,** will be held in the artist's studio, 43 Camberwell Rd. [west of Bathurst St., south from Eglinton Ave.], on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

THORNHILL ORT CHAPTER

Get involved at its early stage! On Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m., the third meeting of ORT in the Thornhill area will be held.

An exciting program has been planned.

For additional information call **Marcy Gilbert,** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, that popular group of senior entertainers, under the direction of **Doris Fleishman,** accompanied by pianist **Elaine Duff,** will perform at the following places in December: Tuesday, Dec. 11, Seneca Senior Club, 1700 Finch Ave., 1 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 18, The Islington Senior Centre, Dundas and Kipling, 1.30 p.m.

For more information on this group, phone 248-4764, 222-7422 or 633-2527.

Doris' Musical Variety Show will take a well-earned vacation during January, February and March, but will perform again in April.

MONDAY M.A.G.I.C.

Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy is featuring **Dr. Adam Furstenberg,** English professor at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, on Monday, Dec. 10, at 9.30 a.m. in Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Join them as he discusses An Introduction to **A.M. Klein.**

Babysitting is provided.

To inquire further call **Cheryl,** 486-1892.

GIFT AND CRAFT SALE

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood holds its annual Gift and Craft Sale on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., between Sheppard and Finch.

Novel gift items for the holidays will be offered, and there will be craft and cooking demonstrations throughout the day. Light refreshments will be served, and numerous door prizes given away. Admission is $1, adults, children free.

BB ART AUCTION

Leora Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, in conjunction with B and L Galleries, presents Art '84, on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Ave. [York Mills and Leslie]. Preview is 6 - 8 p.m., and the auction is at 8. Admission is $6.

There will be live entertainment from 7 - 7.45 p.m., featuring **Ilene Brass** and **Adrian Amara.** Door prize is a framed print, Forest October, by **Tom Thomson.** Refreshments will be served.

A variety of oils, lithographs and prints featuring such artists as **Rockwell, Picasso** and several members of the Group of Seven, will be available.

CANTORIAL CONCERT

Here's a reminder of the cantorial concert to be presented under the auspices of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim and the Reena Foundation on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m., in Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

For ticket information, call Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 781-3511, or Holy Blossom Temple, 789-3291.

FINANCE FOR WOMEN

The last in a series of four evening seminars on Finance For Women, sponsored by Adath Israel Sisterhood, takes place on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 8.15 p.m. **Susan Ennis,** an investment advisor for **Nesbitt, Thompson and Bongard,** will explain Investment Strategies for Women.

For reservations contact **Jenny Appleby,** 633-6520. **Diane Glazer,** 633-5032, **Bess Starr,** 488-1792 or **Cheryl Sonenberg,** 7313227.

CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

A free trip to Israel will be the coveted prize for each member of the winning team in the Israel Trivia Quiz sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

There will be two competitions, the first open to teams consisting of three members, and the second, for individuals.

For more information call [416] 665-7935.

How will the current economic problems in Israel affect the tourist in 1985? **Jonathan Harpaz,** director of the Israel Government Tourist Office, will speak on Prospects for the Israel Tourist, 1985, in a program sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.

A representative from the Israel Youth Program centre, will be available to discuss special youth programs. There will be films and refreshments.

FOREST VALLEY DAY CAMP

Forest Valley Day Camp, now in its 30th season, invites you to an Open House at the campsite, 60 Blue Forest Dr., [south of Finch, off Wilmington] on Sunday, Dec. 9, between 2 and 4 p.m.

Parents and children are welcome to join in a celebration, as well as tour the grounds and facilities, watch an audio-visual presentation and speak to staff about the program.

CICF EVENING

Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation plans a Members' Evening with a slide presentation of the Canadian Artists' Tour to Israel, [May 21 - June 4, 1984]. This will be followed by a dialogue with some of the artists, including **Joyce Wieland .**

The gathering takes place at the Albert White Gallery, 25 Prince Arthur Ave., at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11. RSVP - 921-2103. Seating is limited.

Membership inquiries are welcome.

MELAVAH MALKA

Clanton Park Synagogue Sisterhood presents a Pre-Chanukah Melavah Malka, Saturday, Dec. 15, 8.30 p.m., at 11 Lowesmoor Ave.

There will be refreshments, trivia, and prizes. Cost is $20 per couple, $10 singles.

For reservations call, 633-4995, 633-8612, or 636-0326.

AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

The next lecture in Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Adult Education Institute of Developing Jewish Thought, will be given on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m., when **Rabbi Moshe Stern** considers the question, Can Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Unite? What Price Unity?

NCJW BOUTIQUE & GIFT SALE

National Council of Jewish Women, Yedidot branch, is planning a Holiday Boutique and Gift Sale [all new merchandise] on Sunday, Dec. 9, from noon to 5 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Admission is $1, and there will be fabulous door prizes.

NEW MISSISSAUGA ORT CHAPTER

If you are a young, dynamic woman living in the Mississauga area, then you ought to join the new ORT chapter. Several exciting programs have been planned for your neighborhood.

Here is an opportunity to meet other Jewish women in the Mississauga area, and at the same time, become a part of an international network of concerned and dedicated women.

For more information contact **Marcy Gilbert,** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

WIFE ABUSE

There's help to end the cycle of wife abuse. Be aware of choice and alternatives at the next meeting of New Directions, a self-help support group established for Jewish women who have experienced and who are currently experiencing mental and physical violence in their homes.

This is under the auspices of Jewish Family & Child Service, and all inquiries will be confidential.

The meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 4600 Bathurst St. [Lipa Green Building], 6th floor, in the JF&CS section. Time is 7 p.m. For more information call **Rayna Knobler,** 638-7800 days, or **Marilyn Horwich,** 633-7601 evenings.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, will open its doors to the community on Monday, Dec. 10, from 1 - 3 p.m. to commemorate Human Rights Day. Guests are invited to send postcards and telegrams to the Soviet ambassador, protesting the recent arrests of five Hebrew teachers in the Soviet Union.

John Oostrom, newly-elected Member of Parliament for Willowdale, will be a guest speaker.

To inquire further, call Council House, 633-5100.

ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

Adath Israel Brotherhood and Congregational School present a Chanukah Variety Show on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10.30 a.m., featuring **Whiskey Jack,** the Adath Israel Children's Choir and surprise guests.

Enjoy latkes and other refreshments, and participate in candle lighting. [Wear slacks - children seated on the floor].

Tickets, $2 per person, are available at the school synagogue office, 635-5340.

The Brotherhood presents its annual New Year's Dinner and Dance on Monday, Dec. 31, from 8.30 p.m. to the wee hours, in the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Music is by the **Rick Levine Orchestra.**

Cost is $50 per person, with free bar.

To reserve call **Zev Scheer,** 731-2188, **Ben Clemens,** 223-5834 or **Marty Aidelman,** 223-2344. Reserved tables are for parties of 10 or 12 only.

BB WOMEN IN THORNHILL

You are invited to the next meeting of the new B'nai B'rith Women's new Thornhill chapter, which takes place on Thursday, Dec. 6, 8.15 p.m., at 221 Romfield Circuit.

The evening will be Nosh, Nibbles and Let's Get Acquainted.

Become involved now. For more information call **Penny Krowitz,** 630-9313,days

RICHMOND HILL RESIDENTS

Do you live in Richmond Hill? Are you looking for a way to connect with the Jewish community? Would you like to meet other Jewish women who live in your community? B'nai B'rith Women is starting a new chapter in Richmond Hill and welcomes you.

For more information call **Penny Krowitz,** 630-9313, days.

HEALTH FAIR THORNHILL SQUARE

Do you want to join a women's organization? Are you wondering which one best suits your needs? B'nai B'rith Women will have information and personnel available to answer any of your questions at Thornhill Square Health Fair

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ACCOUNTANTS GATHER

The Canadian Chartered Accountant's Division of State of Israel Bonds, recently convened in Israel with Israel certified public accountants. From left are: Murray Rumack, Eric Ostfield, Yaacov Pachter, former president of Bank Hapoalim Canada, and Alex Serota, chairman of the division.

JUDAICA ARTIFACTS EXHIBIT

A unique showing of Judaica artifacts on loan from the collection of Tillie and Wolfe Goldberg, attracted a large crowd to the Baycrest Heritage Museum recently. Dr. Sydney Wax, chairman of the museum committee, talked briefly about the artifacts and thanked the Goldbergs on behalf of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. The museum, located in the lobby of the Jewish Home for the Aged at 3560 Bathurst St., is open to the public and the Goldberg collection will be on display for several weeks.

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[Bayview and John St.] Dec. 5 - 9, from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., with shorter hours on Sunday. See you there!

CHANUKAH GIFT SALE

Adath Sholom Congregation, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. near Wilmington, invites you to a Chanukah Gift Sale, Sunday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Religious items, and gifts for the whole family, will be offered, and gift wrapping will be available.

Admission is free, and all proceeds are for charity.

For additional information call 635-0131.

SELF-HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED

Pathfinders, a non-profit program to help unemployed people help themselves, offers an information meeting on Monday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., in Timopthy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair Ave., W.

For additional information call 925-5977.

HOLY BLOSSOM CHANUKAH SALE

Come to the Judaica Shop at Holy Blossom Temple for a Chanukah Sale on Tuesday, Dec. 11, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

HBT MUSICAL PROGRAM

Holy Blossom Temple invites you to a program of Early Hebrew Art Music, XII - XVIII Centuries, with the Temple choir, **Cantor Benjamin Maissner,** harpsichordist **Douglas Bodle** and a string ensemble. The date is Friday, Dec. 14, with service at 8.30 p.m. and program following.

CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES

Registration is now under way at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for a certificate program in Canadian Cross-Cultural Studies offered by the division of continuing education.

Goal of the certificate is to provide members of the general community with an understanding of the Canadian concept of multiculturalism, enabling them to gain a comprehensive background in ethnic relations and related social issues.

Target group includes social service professionals, the media, police, health education workers, new Canadians involved in cross-cultural employment and students training for work in a pluralistic environment.

For more details contact program coordinator **Roberta L. Markus,** Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Division of Continuing Education, 350 Victoria St., Toronto, M5B 2K3, or phone 979-5183.

SECULAR JUDAISM LECTURE

Friends of Pioneering Israel are sponsoring a lecture and discussion with **Dr. Jerald Bain,** chairman of the advisory council of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, who will consider the question, Is Secular Judaism Possible? A discussion follows. The meeting is set for Sunday, Dec. 9, at Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., suite 158. For more details call 736-0977.

NORTH-EAST STA COUPLES CLUB

North-East Second Time Around Couples Club is holding a general meeting to welcome new members and discuss club programming. The meeting is to be followed by a guest lecture on Remarriage, given by lawyers **Barry** and **Erwin Seltzer.** This program is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13, at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For more information call **Fran Chodak,** 889-0813.

AJALON LODGE CHANUKAH MEETING

Ajalon Lodge is planning a Chanukah meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 8.30 p.m., at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave.

The program, which will include the traditional candle lighting ceremony, features comedian **Morris Naftolin,** to entertain you on this joyous occasion. Refreshments will be provided.

For more details call **Ralph Constam,** 781-4033.

MIKVAH OPEN HOUSE

Come and explore the mitzvah of family purity at an Open House for the new mikvah, in the Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, from 1 - 3 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 9.

EDUCATION FOR SENIORS

All seniors interested in continuing education are asked to get in touch with Contact Us, working in conjunction with the Third Floor Community Centre, 223 Eglinton Ave. E., corner of Mt. Pleasant Rd. Here is an opportunity for those sincerely committed to learning, growing, sharing.

Organizations such as Humber College, Third Age Learning Associates and New Horizons, are eager to help senior groups establish an education program.

Please call **Richard Hastings** if you would like to join this group.

NOMINATE NY VOLUNTEERS

North York Council plans to honor 15 Volunteers of the Year, in celebration of National Volunteer Week.

Your organization is urged to review the selection criteria and nominate a volunteer or volunteers, in the appropriate category.

For additional information or to apply for volunteer forms, call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194. The forms must be received by Jan. 11.

CHARITY BOOK SALE

On Friday, Dec. 7, the Second Annual Charity Book Sale will open and continue through Saturday, Dec. 15, at 199 Yonge St. [across from the Eaton Centre] from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day with Thursdays and Fridays open to 9 p.m.

This is a fund raising event organized by and for two charities: Interval House [a home for battered women and their children] and the GAPS Foundation [Graphic Arts in the Public Service].

The sale, with a selection of thousands of new books is a carnival for the book lover and the bargain hunter.

ROMANIAN LODGE FORMING

B'nai B'rith Canada is forming a lodge for Jews of Romanian descent. All are cordially invited with families, to attend the first meeting when there will be a discussion on anti-Jewish activities in Romania.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. at the BB centre, 15 Hove St. [Bathurst and Sheppard area]. To inquire further call **Zacharia Landman,** 636-6096 [bus.] or 489-7979 [home].

REENA PARENT SHARING

Reena Foundation is resuming its Parent Sharing programs - a series of informative evenings for parents of mentally handicapped adults.

At the second session, **Sandy Keshen,** executive director of Reena Foundation will be discussing the current housing situation for mentally handicapped adults in Metropolitan Toronto, and will also respond to parents who are asking how they can help.

Please join them on Monday, Dec. 12 at Cartwright Public School, 99 Cartwright Ave., [Wilson and Dufferin Ave.] at 7.45 p.m.

There is no cost for the evening.

NCSY - NEW YORK

Join NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, for six days of never ending fun and excitement in the Big Apple.

NCSY announces the coming of NYTE, the New York Torah Experience which will take place from Dec. 25 through Dec. 31.

Tour all the sites of New York with special attention to the Jewish places of interest, and eat at all the best kosher restaurants. From Rockefeller Centre to Bloomingdale's, you will see everything!

So...if you are a high school student with lots of energy, get ready. Call **Rabbi Eliezer Danzinger** at 782-3117 or 636-5283 for further information and registration. But hurry; the bus is leaving soon!

HILLEL STUDENTS U OF T

Chanukah kits are available at a cost of $2.25, and free to resident students at the University of Toronto.

Chanukah candle lighting begins on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and continues every night during Chanukah.

For additional information call **Betty,** at 923-9861.

ADULT CLASSES

Yeshivat Or Chaim and the Mizrachi Organization are sponsoring a series of public shiurim-lectures at Yeshivat Or Chaim , 159 Almore Ave. [corner of Faywood Blvd.].

On Tuesday evenings at 7.45p.m. **Rabbi Yosef Avior** gives a class on the thought of **Rav Kook,** focusing on his work, Orot Hatshuva. At 9 p.m., **Rabbi Menachem Gopin** leads a class on contemporary issues such as transplants, definition of death, smoking, abortion, etc. Both classes are conducted in English and are open to men and women.

On Sunday evening at 8.30, **Rabbi Mordechai Bar-Eli** gives a shiur in Hebrew in Mesechet Gittin for yeshiva graduates and advanced students of Talmud.

Every evening, Sunday through Thursday at 7.30 **Rabbi Rafael Posen** gives a Daf Yomi shiur in Hebrew.

The public is welcome to attend these classes, and admission is free.

ILEITIS AND COLITIS TALK

Dr. Zane Cohen, who specializes in gastroenterological surgery at Toronto General Hospital, will be featured speaker at an open meeting of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m., in the 18th floor auditorium of Mt. Sinai Hospital, 600 University Ave.

Dr. Cohen's talk, focusing on recent surgical advances in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, will be of special interest to sufferers of Chron's disease and/or ulcerative colitis.

for seniors

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Club Chaverim of the North-East JCC meets on Mondays at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., between Finch and Sheppard. On Monday, Dec. 10, the film comedy, To Be Or Not To Be, with **Mel Brooks** will be shown. Come early and have lunch at 12.30. Cost is $1.25 for lunch, 50 cents for the movie. For more information call **Fran Chodak,** 889-0813.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 meets next on Tuesday, Dec. 11, to see the movie, New York, New York, with **Robert DeNiro** and **Liza Minnelli.** Enjoy a great story and good music. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1.50 for non-members of the club.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets next at 471 Lawrence Ave. W., at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 11, for lunch, with entertainer **Blanche Bennett,** pianist and vocalist. To make further inquiries call **Shirley Grotell,** 222-7727.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni, your plus 59 club, meets on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 1.30 p.m. The speaker is to be announced.

The **Good Age Club** convenes every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. in the main lounge of the Bloor JCC. Contact **Mark Egan,** or **Elaine Katz** at 924-6211.

Bloor JCC Stroke Management Group meets in the main lounge of the Bloor JCC for physical and social activities. New members are always welcome. To inquire further contact **Mark Egan,** 924-6211.

The Choralairs of North York will perform on Dec.11 at Greenview Lodge, and Dec.18 at B'nai B'rith Upper Canada Lodge Seniors' Apartment. This 30-member volunteer choir, directed by **Al Wyand,** is a favorite with seniors' clubs and nursing homes. Information on performances is available from **Anna Milrod,** 782-8994, or **Colleen Lamoureux,** 817 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, M6H 3Z1. They would love to entertain you.

Cranbrooke Friendship Club, looks forward to a Chanukah Party on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Lunch is at 1 p.m. Cost for members is $1.25, non-members, $1.75. For more information call **Eva Brownstein,** 787-3606.

Earl Bales Seniors Place is holding a Winter Dance in the community centre, Earl Bales Park, Sheppard and Bathurst, on Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 - 11 p.m., with **Maurice Turk** and his orchestra. There will be a raffle, and refreshments are available. Admission is $3 per person. Call Monday through Thursday, 10 to 4 p.m.

An Arts and Crafts Sale will be held Tuesday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m., in the **Jewish Home for the Aged** lobby. A large selection of handmade items, including paintings, afghans, ceramics and beadwork, will be available.

Coming events at Hamilton's **Shalom Village,** 70 Macklin St., are: Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 1.45 p.m., Jewish Culture, with **Gloria Silverman;** Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Learning to Cope, with **Lester Krames;** and Sunday, Dec.16, 2 p.m., Simcha Sunday, with soloist, **Cantor Ruth Slater** .

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Come see and hear a video tape of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, The Mikado, on Monday, Dec. 10, 1.30 - 3 p.m., at the Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave.W., This is free to members, non-members, 50 cents.

On Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium, enjoy a sing-along with **Blanche Bennett,** Sweetheart of the Keyboard.

For the next Wednesday afternoon social, Dec. 12 at 1.30, **Naomi Bell,** pianist and singer, will offer Yiddish Songs of Love.

Celebrate New Year's Eve with a party on Monday, Dec. 31 at 8.30 p.m. Enjoy a full course dinner, wine, and dancing to the music of a fabulous live band. Price is $15 per person. Tickets are available at the information desk.

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TURNER MEETS NAVON

Yitzhak Navon, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel and minister of education and culture, met with John Turner, leader of the opposition, on his recent trip to Ottawa. Other MPs present, from left, are Herb Gray and Bob Kaplan. At right is Israel ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin.

PLANNING BOOK FAIR

Planning for the Shaar Shalom Book Fair, Coffee Shop and Bake Sale to be held Sunday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. are, from left: Sandra Haberman and Rosalie Ash. It will be held in their newly expanded building at 2 Simonston Blvd. at the corner of Don Mills.

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What's New

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singles

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A year from now will you be where you want to be? Jewish Singles Project Connect offers a series of seven small weekly group meetings through which you can learn to make the most of who you are. For more information call 731-4600.

Jewish Singles, get ready, as the One-Day Jewish Singles Symposium is coming!

B'nai B'rith Women Orah chapter, for single women 25-40, welcomes new members. Join with a delightful group of women who are working together to further the goals of BB Women. For more information call **Penny Krowitz,** 630-9313, days. **JCC Singles 40 Plus** will feature a program entitled, Dear Abby, for women .... Dear Andrew, for men - Letters From the Lovelorn, at the next Coffee House, Monday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor lounge, Northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. To inquire further call 636-1880, ext. 332 or **Doris,** 636-1887.

Holy Blossom Temple Singles/Single Parents Group is planning a Chanukah Dance on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Temple. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. Admission for members is $5, non-members, $7. For more information call the hotline, 485-9911.

On Dec. 16 at 7.30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple's **Young Members Chavurah Group** is having a Chanukah party with latkes, Israeli folk dancing and music. This is free for Holy Blossom Temple members, $2 non-members. It is open to all single Jews, 23-32.

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group is continuing with its workshops for the newly separated. On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Support, Property Division and Custody Issues will be considered, and on Dec. 18, The Emotional Ups and Downs of Separation and Divorce will be discussed. Sessions begin at 8 p.m., at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Fee is $2. For more information call **Fran Chodak,** 889-0813.

At the next **North-East Jewish Single Parents Meeting, Sharon Gunther** will discuss The Jewish Dateline. The program is on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m., in Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. Cost to members is $2, non-members $3. To inquire further, call **Fran Chodak,** 889-0813.

On Thursday, Dec. 20, the **Bloor JCC** presents the Dance of Lights, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $5 in advance, $6 at the door. Buy early to avoid disappointment. For additional information contact **Mark Egan,** 934-6211.

JCC Singles 20-35 years, invite you to a Chanukah Latke Party, Thursday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at the JCC Northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Good Age lounge. Admission is $3 for members with cards and $5, non-members. Bring your favorite instrument and dreidels. For more information call **Ruth Goodman,** 636-1880, ext. 221.

Join **Club Kinneret 10 Pin Bowling and Social Group** [ages 20-40] for its next Open House, Sunday Dec. 9 at 2.45 p.m. in the party room, Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd, two blocks north of Lawrence, west off Dufferin. The meeting will be followed by two games of bowling at 3.45 p.m. To inquire further, call **Stan Glass,** 638-0747, or 593-0600 days.

at the jcc

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Winter Vacation Fun Days at the Bloor JCC are planned for children in grades 1-6. Each day includes gym, swim and a special workshop. Dates are Dec. 24, 27, 28, 31, Jan. 2, 3 and 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children bring own lunch, bathing suit and towel. Fee per day is $9 for JCC members, $12, non-members. Pre-registration is essential.

A variety of classes for adult/child, preschoolers and children of all ages are being offered at the Bloor JCC. Programs begin the week of Jan.7, and are open to everyone in the communiity. Registration begins Wednesday, Dec. 19. For a flyer, and more details on these and the preceding Winter Vacation Fun Days, phone **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

Couples Over Forty [of the North-East JCC] will gather at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., on Sunday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., for a slide presentation on winter resort areas, and information on group trips to Israel, to be given by **Judy Wolfe,** a representative of All About Travel. Door prize is a weekend for two at the Constellation Hotel. Admission is $5 per couple for members, $7, non-members. Refreshments are included. For additional information call **Eric Levine,** 663-8377, or **Rose Shapiro,** 889-0813.

David Lewis Stein, columnist for the Toronto Star, will read from, and discuss his novel, The Golden Age Hotel, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 1.30 p.m. in the Good Age lounge of the Northern branch, JCC. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Contact **Mona Brown,** 636-1880, ext. 234.

Art of the Story Teller, will be presented by **Nathan Garnick,** well-known interpreter of literature and drama, at the Topics Unlimited lecture sponsored by PACE, on Monday, Dec. 10, 1 - 2.30 p.m. at the JCC Northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is $1. To inquire further call **Georgine Nash, 636-1880.**

About People

GERSHON RE-ELECTED

Toronto resident **Ernest Gershon** has been re-elected to the executive board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the Jewish Chautauqua Society for a 2-year term.

Gershon, a member of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, is president and chief executive officer of Westbury Life Insurance. He is a member of the American Club of Toronto, the Society of Actuaries, the American Management Association and the American Marketing Association.

He and his wife, **Lori,** have three children.

NATIONAL BALLET DANCERS

Among performers who have recently signed full-time contracts to dance with the National Ballet of Canada are **Donna Rubin** and **Julie Adam.**

BOYS TOWN JERUSALEM

Eve Shirley Pascoe has been named executive director of the Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem. She succeeds Jack Manishewitz, who will continue with the organization on a part-time basis.

Eve has been associate director of Boys Town Jerusalem for five years, joining the staff after returning to Toronto from Edmonton where she was the research director for the Jewish Historical Society of Alberta.

Eve Pascoe

Eve is a board member of the Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto, the Museum Committee of Baycrest Centre and the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic textiles.

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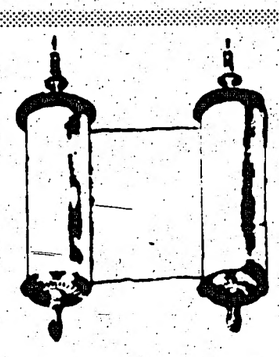

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Shlach

Our minds must become little shuls. We are where are thoughts take us. . . .

The Baal Shem Tov once stopped at an inn, but soon discovered there was an idolatrous statue. He left quickly, and his followers saw that he was very joyous.

He explained: "It was as though at that moment I kept the whole Torah! The law is that one is not allowed to contemplate words of Torah in a place that has an idol. So when I held myself back from study, it was as though I kept the whole law. . . ."

Added Reb David of Dinov: "This makes clear a difficult section of the Torah. When Jacob confronted his brother Esau after 22 years, he boasted — "im Laban garti — I resided with wicked Laban, but I kept the Taryag (613) commandments. . . ."

How is that possible? So many commandments are tied to the Land of Israel — where Jacob didn't even reside. How could he keep all the commandments?

But — in the same manner as the Baal Shem Tov — when Jacob entered Laban's house which was filled with the most exotic idolatry, and kept himself back from contemplating G-d's word — it was as though he kept the whole Torah. . . . (Otzar Chaim)

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The Torah is so precious, our neshamas are so delicate — how can we resist the allures of an idolatrous, hedonistic world?

We have to fight back! We have to realize that we are locked into a life and death struggle against our own Yetzer Horahs, dragging us away from Yiddishkeit.

The parsha describes the great confrontation — Jacob meeting Esau — Jacob sent gifts "to Esau, to the land of Seir, to the Fields of Edom. . . ."

Who did he send to Esau? Real angels! Strange . . . no one else is suitable to lead a herd of animals to Esau, except the holiest angels?

But Jacob was afraid to allow ordinary people into Esau's environment, into his city and province. Only real angels should resist Esau's high society, new fashions. . . .

In a while, the angels returned with a frightening message. "We came to your brother Esau, and behold — he's going out to meet you also. Jacob became very frightened.

What was he so frightened about?

But Jacob represents the Yetzer Tov, the good inclination. In every Jew there's a little Father Jacob, a holiness, a sense of shame and modesty, a love of doing mitzvah and kindness, a desire to draw closer to G-d, to rise, to become sanctified. . . . That sets out to confront the Evil Impulse.

But Esau is also going out to confront us! Every time a Jew moves in the right direction, the powerful Esau in our hearts rises up to confront, to stop this holy rebellion.

"Are you kidding? Go to shul on shabbes . . . did you become a chassid? Eat in a kosher restaurant — are you a religious fanatic? Give charity — let them work for a living!"

Powerful Esau — within us! Clever, dangerous. But we must fight back. . . .

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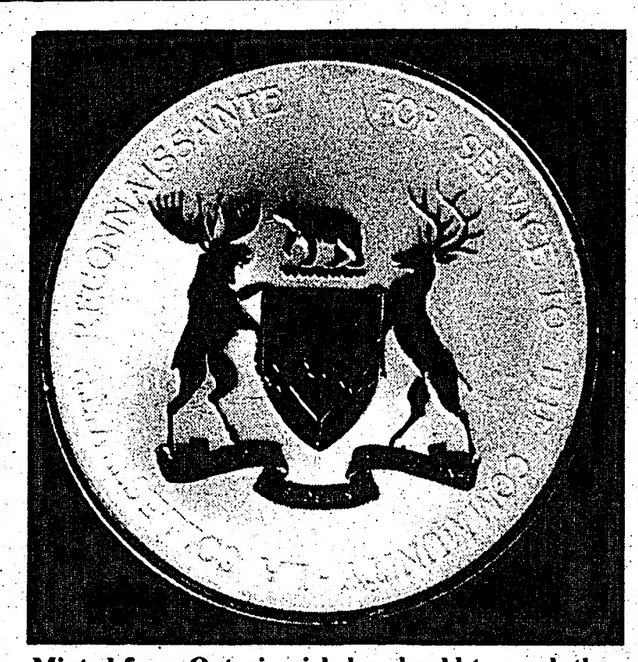
We can't fool ourselves. Said the Kuznitzer Maggid — "It is better that a Jew shouldn't fast (unnecessary fast days) and fool others that he is fasting, than that he should fast unneccesarily and fool himself. . . ."

In honesty, there is love and hope. Easy as ABC — Good Shabbes.



Minted from Ontario nickel and gold to mark the province's 200th anniversary since settlement, this Bicentennial medal will be presented to 1,984 Ontarians this month in recognition of their exemplary community dedication and service.

Medals honor Ontarians

TORONTO —

Cecily Peters, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, will be one of 1,984 Ontarians to receive Bicentennial medals for service to their community.

The recipients of the medal were selected by their communities and through public nominations during Bicentennial year, according to Ontario Bicentennial Celebrations, and encompass the areas of culture, arts, sports, recreation and health.

Peters, assumed the position of national president in November 1983 after serving as national executive member of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO for 26 years, including two years as president of the chapter.

Among the other recipients, The CJN has identified a number of Jews who have made a contribution to the Jewish community. (If you are a recipient and do not find your name here, please let us know.) The list includes:

Bert Fine, past president and past chairman of the board of the Jewish Community Centre.

Pearl Freedhoff, a member of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

William Gryfe, a founding board member of the Beth David Synagogue and a life member of the men's service group at Baycrest Hospital.

W.K. Scaller, who regularly visits patients at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Lawrence Feldman, chairman of the Jewish Culture Centre and director of the Toronto Chinese Community Services Association.

Marvin Gelber, a member of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the national executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Sam Sniderman, founding director of Sister of St. Joseph Health Care Advisory Council and St. Michael Detoxification Centre.

Henry Donsky, a long-standing member of Beth Sholom Synagogue and founder of the Beth Sholom seniors group.

Rabbi David Monson, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom Synagogue and voluntary chaplain for many groups including the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

The medals, made of Ontario nickel and gold, feature the Ontario coat of arms on one side and the Ontario Bicentennial symbol on the other and are inscribed with the words For Service to the Community.

During the Bicentennial visit to Ontario, Queen Elizabeth was presented with a solid gold replica of the medal.

Halacha must rule, women advised

TORONTO —

Orthodox Judaism's battle with feminist or other reform "is the old confrontation between the prophet Elijah and Jezebel, between the tradition of Torah and the worship of self," says Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet of Kielcer Congregation.

In a lecture entitled Deformation of Religion by Feminist Reformation, Schochet recently told an audience of more than 300 at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue that "formal religion, by definition, is a contract initiated and defined by God."

Religion is valid and meaningful only if based on — and limited by — Divine revelation, said Schochet, who is also a philosophy professor at Humber College. "God can impose his will upon man, but not vice versa," he said.

Anything not sanctioned by Torah or halacha is alien to the religious reality of the Jew, Schochet said. "To follow personal inclinations or decisions, regardless how sincere and well-intentioned, if those do not conform to halacha, then they do not constitute worship of God but self-worship," he added.

"When dealing with revelation, just as when dealing with logic or mathematics, there are no such things as specific male or female issues. The sole question is whether certain conditions or actions conform to the reality of halacha (revelation) or truth, or not."

Schochet said feminist reforms such as counting women for minyans or having women participate in Torah-readings "are not only a denial of Jewish tradition but a perversion of common sense." The talmudic tradition that established the principles of minyan and Torah-readings "is the very same tradition which excludes and prohibits female participation therein," he said.

"To organize a minyan or to read the Torah with female participation, therefore, is no less than a contradiction in terms — the proverbial 'square circle.'

"The modern Jezebels that we criticize are women like Blu Greenberg or Norma Joseph," Schochet said. "In their writings and talks they present themselves as members of the Orthodox tradition while simultaneously denying the authenticity and authority of halacha. Our quarrel is with those who speak with forked tongues and demand a new Shulchan Aruch for which they and their cohorts want to establish the criteria."

The rabbi said that under the guise of religious sensitivity and a quest for greater religious fulfilment, feminists seek to appropriate new mitzvot which are totally irrelevant to them. "Wish that they would observe first the obligations already incumbent upon them before looking for others," he said.

Paraphrasing the Talmud, Schochet added: "Do you not already have enough mitzvot, enough duties and prohibitions, that you look to add new ones?"

The family of the late
JANINA PETERS
wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind and generous expressions of sympathy on their recent loss. It was very much appreciated. Please accept this as a personal thank-you.

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Living to 83 no comfort

Women can't afford to grow old gracefully

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO — —

To be a woman growing old in our culture is a societal tragedy that is characterized by a loss of dignity through illness and poverty, according to Leah Cohen, author of Small Expectations: Society's Betrayal of Older Women, who was a guest at the recent Jewish Book Fair.

Speaking at Leah Posluns Theatre, Cohen stated that few women can afford to age gracefully. "Most women over the age of 65 live below the poverty line. They are alone, having outlived or been abandoned by their spouses.

"They are often victims of indifferent, fragmented medical care and have a fear of rape, muggings, street harassment, robberies and swindles. Most older women can take little comfort from medical forecasts tht they will live to age 83," said Cohen, who was born in Toronto and holds a Master's degree in political science from University of Toronto.

The lecture was sponsored by Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section.

Cohen's book deals with many real problems facing older women: self-image, the cult of sexuality, violence, housing, health and poverty.

Published by McClelland & Stewart Limited ($19.95), the book required four years to research and write. Cohen interviewed 250 women in Canada, the U.S. and Great Britain between ages 25 and 104.

"A fear of physical aging begins early — at about age 25 when the first wrinkles emerge," said Cohen, who has also co-authored The Secret Oppression: Sexual Harassment of Working Women.

"It is the first ominous message that her youth and sexuality is waning. As she reaches middle age, the assault on her self-worth escalates," she stated. "Diet, makeup, hair coloring, plastic surgery and health spas help to camouflage the ravages of time."

Cohen said the greatest indignities, however, await women over 65. "Growing old is akin to a crime in our society venerated by the worship of beauty. Older women feel segregated by virtue of their age. They are often the poorest off financially."

Two out of three women over 65 who are alone live below the poverty line, she reported.

"No money is equivalent to no power and no respect. Financial poverty dictates where you live, what you eat and how you are treated by society," Cohen pointed out.

Many of these issues affect men as well, she said, but women are affected disproportionately.

Leah Cohen felt compelled to write her book as a personal response to her own grandmother's tragedy.

Her grandmother represented one of the few older women who was aging with dignity, owned her own home, was modestly independent and in reasonably good health. Suddenly, in her mid-90s, she was stricken with cancer. She was placed in a nursing home and grew despondent and demoralized.

"The loss of dignity devastated her. She was perceived as old, silly and useless," Cohen related.

"Nursing homes, whether palatial or rundown, do not meet the needs of most elderly. Residents are perceived and treated as 'inmates.' All they really want is privacy, autonomy and dignity," she added.

Women leaving nursing

Crisis looms for aged care

By
JOAN SICHEL

MONCTON, NB —

The caregiving professions for the elderly have traditionally been female but now women are moving away from them into new careers, says Dr. Simon Bergman, a gerontology professor at Tel Aviv University, who has worked for more than 35 years in the field of aging.

"If a million nurses leave nursing to go into computers, then what would happen?" asked Bergman here recently in a public lecture entitled Relating to the Elderly.

The gerontologist said society is going to have to face up to the social implications for care for the aged becoming evident with changes in female orientation away from the traditional caregiver functions to new roles.

Here for three weeks to give a course at the University of Moncton called Analysis of Social Intervention in Aging, Bergman said more people than ever in their 50s and 60s have living parents and there are often four and even five generations alive. He said feelings of filial affection, responsibility and attachment still survive, and the eldest daughter is still seen as having the major role in dealing with aging parents.

"But this caregiving role exacts a price, Bergman said. "It is a great investment of a person — caring for an incontinent or mentally incompetent relative is an emotionally taxing role," he said, adding that "it produces ambivalent feelings of guilt, duty and dedication, many anxieties and tribulations.

"Studying old age at the age of 65 is like sending the fire brigade two weeks after the fire," Bergman said, urging that young people be taught that being old is a normal part of life, and it is necessary to be prepared.

"Old is not a scientific but a social concept," Bergman said. "We always see old age in our friends . . . not in our mirrors."

He urged people to ask themselves three questions on aging: (1) How do I prepare for my future to be able to cope with my own old age? (2) Where am I in relation to the aging of those who are important in my life? (3) How do I relate to the community problem of old age?

Synagogues high in Bond sales

MONTREAL —

Synagogues are responsible for 35% of total Israel Bond sales in Canada and as such are in the forefront of the campaign to strengthen Israel's economy, the State of Israel Bond National Rabbinic Council was told at a recent meeting.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, chairman of the council which met to discuss how synagogues can respond to Israel's economic problems, said that 93 out of the 136 synagogues in Canada hold High Holiday appeals and Israel Bond dinners.

More than $47 million in Israel Bonds were sold in High Holiday appeals in 1,100 synagogues throughout North America this year, representing a 10% increase over the 1983 total, Bulka reported.

The response in Canada was particularly encouraging. he said.

The council decided that in order to encourage more synagogues to become involved and to increase the already high level purchases at synagogue functions, it will shortly launch the B'nai Ami program designed to facilitate exchanges between Canadian rabbis, synagogue lay leadership and high-ranking Israeli personalities.

The council also decided to establish three regional structures in western, Central and Eastern Canada for an integrated national synagogue campaign to sell bonds.

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Weizmann Institute Chair in honor of Bora Laskin

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
Establishment of the Bora Laskin Chair in Science Teaching at the Weizmann Institute was announced officially by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science at a recent testimonial dinner. The chair is a tribute to Canada's late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Murray Koffler, national chairman of the Canadian Society, said Bora Laskin was "held in the highest esteem as an educator who conveyed to his students the importance of the ethical implications of scientific research and discovery.

"Chief Justice Laskin's long and distinguished career has been characterized by a commitment to the loftiest goals of education, the understanding of man and his world and contributing through that understanding to the cause of peace among nations," Koffler stated.

The dinner, which was sponsored by the Lawyers' Committee of the Canadian Society, was held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Among those presiding were James Kay, national president; Allen Karp, chairman of the planning committee; Mr. Justice Abraham Lieff, and Mr. Justice Alvin Rosenberg.

Keynote speaker Prof. Maxim Bruckheimer and incumbent of the chair, said the "honor, esteem and love that Bora Laskin's name evokes will help greatly to enhance rapport between Canada and Israel in the name of science."

Prof. Bruckheimer, who has been the head of the department of science teaching in the graduate school at the Weizmann Institute for eight years, said he was "overwhelmed with the profound interest Canadians have shown toward the establishment of a chair in the field of mathematics and science education in Israel.

"Our aim is to turn education from an intuitive art to an experimental science, said Bruckheimer, who received his PhD in mathematics from the University of Southampton, England.

The department of science teaching is responsible for the development of new science curricula, textbooks, TV programs, instructional kits, games and other teaching methods, all in Hebrew and Arabic.

It conducts science summer camps and seminars attended by many Canadian high school and college students and by other young people from more than 20 countries.

One of Bruckheimer's newest achievements is in the field of early childhood education. Through the selection of "test" sites in socially deprived and non-deprived areas in Israel, kindergarten pupils are learning how to develop visual abilities through advanced teaching techniques.

The Weizmann Institute extends over some 200 acres on the outskirts of Rehovot, south of Tel Aviv. Its scientific staff numbers some 1,800 researchers, engineers and technicians, including approximately 500 scientists-in-training, working towards MSc and PhD degrees at the institute's Feinberg Graduate School.

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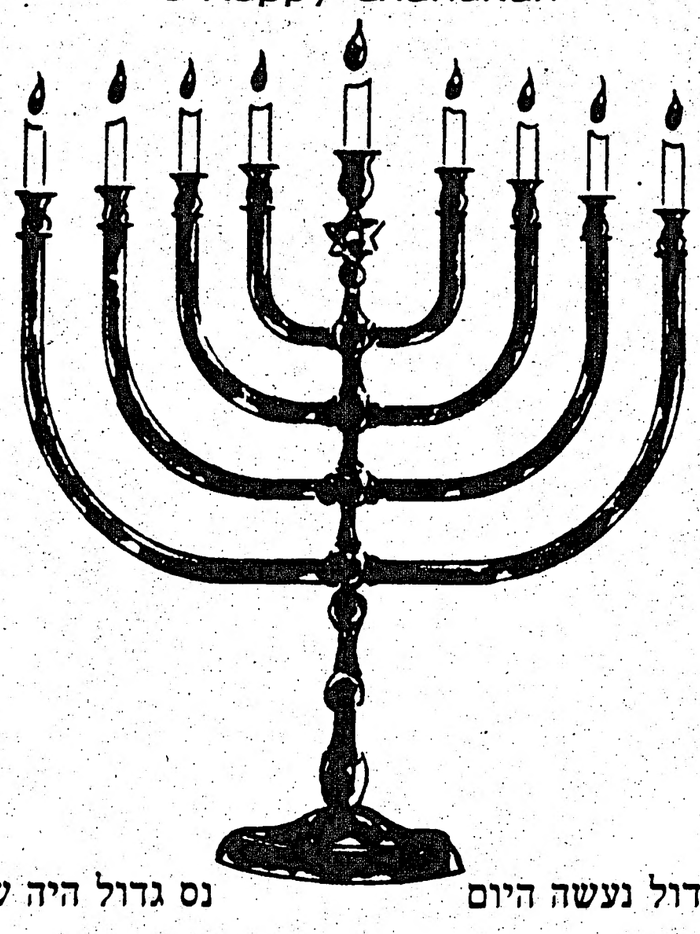

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Organizations and People

"Doors will open"

Getting involved key to ties with politicians

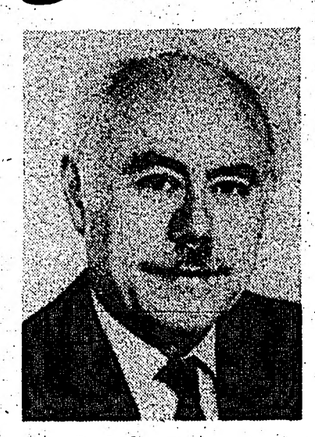
By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — If you want politicians to listen to you after the election campaign is over, get involved in the political process before the campaign begins, says Ralph Fisher, an advisor to both the provincial and federal Progressive Conservative parties.

Fisher, a national partner with the accounting firm of Laventhol and Horwath and author of Seizing the Future: Opportunities for Canada, gave attendees at a recent B'nai B'rith national board of governors meeting no magic formula for opening politicians' doors.

Instead, he stressed the importance of "getting involved at the individual level.

"Attend meetings during the off season; join a riding association; go to work for a politician, so he or she can get to know you and trust you," Fisher advised, emphasizing that party affiliation is less important than involvement in the process.



Ralph Fisher

Politicians have needs — for feedback as well as envelope stuffing. "You have to move in and act as a consultant and satisfy those needs," said Fisher, who has served on a number of top-level PC advisory committees.

"You'll be amazed at how fast doors will open."

A community whose members are politically involved benefits when a leadership or election campaign rolls around.

A community group like B'nai B'rith can collect data and proffer advice on the issues that interest it, Fisher explained, "but you can't do much more because you don't have one-on-one contact.

"If you send off a questionnaire, it can be one of 60. This kind of contact has to be made — but during a campaign may not be the best time to make it."

But if members of the community have established personal contact, they can serve as "connectors," in Fisher's phrase.

He praised the political action group set up by B'nai B'rith during the last federal campaign — and in particular the willingness of individual members to network with those who, like himself, are politically involved.

Such networking makes his role as a connector more effective.

But, he said, "I don't go to Ottawa representing a group. I go in friendship, opening the door.

"We want to convey a message — but coupled with the message that is to be heard is the friendship that makes the person on the other end want to hear you," he said.

In practical terms, he advised waiting until January before pressing issues with the new government. "Many of the MPs don't know where the washrooms are yet."

When approaches are made, they should be taken through the chiefs of staff of the cabinet ministers, rather than through an omnibus interview with the Prime Minister, Fisher said in answer to a question.

(The chiefs of staff are political appointees, not civil servants.)

At the beginning of the meeting, Fisher had asked how many of those present were active in the campaigns of the four contenders to succeed Ontario Premier William Davis as leader of the PC party and premier.

Only one hand went up.

"The premier's race is very significant," he said. "It's going to affect the way we live for years.

"Are we going to wait and just cast a ballot? Or are we going to do something about it?

"The next time I ask how many of you are involved," Fisher said, "I want to see every hand up."

50-year celebration for Legion branch

TORONTO — **The General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion will celebrate its 50th year on Monday, Dec. 10, at a gala event at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.**

Dignitaries invited to the evening of dinner and entertainment include Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Veterans Affairs Minister George Hees (although Mulroney may be out of the country at the time). Barbara McDougall, minister of state (finance) has already accepted an invitation.

The legion will be honoring veteran Reuben (Ruby) Cappe.

Branch 256, originally known as the Jewish Legion, adopted the Wingate name in 1952 to honor a British Army officer who perished in the Burma campaign of World War II. A strong advocate of the Zionist cause, Wingate was reassigned by the British after aiding the Haganah in Palestine in countering Arab attacks. A non-Jew, Wingate is credited with helping the Jewish underground train and develop tactics for eventual success.

The branch's chaplain, Rabbi David Monson, urges veterans who haven't joined the Legion to become part of a membership, "whose main raison d'etre is community service and serving Israel."

At a recent meeting in which five new members were inaugurated, the Branch presented certificates of appreciation to three journalists, including CJN editor Maurice Lucow and reporter Steven Yudin, for their coverage of the September unveiling of a cenotaph honoring the 425 Jewish Canadian soldiers who died in World War II. Tim Sheehy of CFTO News was also honored for his reporting. Cameraman John Rygh of CFTO previously received a certificate as will CFTO assignment editor Ken Sherman for the station's coverage of the event.

Harold Berlovitch of the Legion branch, commended the journalists' appreciation of "the magnitude of the project of unveiling a cenotaph and that The CJN and CFTO showed enough interest to cover it. That's a service provided . . . in letting the families (of the war dead) know about the cenotaph."

He noted how important The CJN is to small communities "in particular, where the handfuls of Jewish families aren't as privileged as the Jewish communities of cities" who have more opportunities to participate directly in Jewish events.

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Campaign HOT-line

It's been a week of telethons and more telethons, large, intermediate and small. And what do they have in common? Great results!

We'll start with the mini-Super Sunday caper. Serious telephoning combined with fun made the 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. stint a wonderful day for the 40 canvassers who totted up a very respectable $250,000 by wrap-up time.

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Evelyn Applebaum was the lone female to join her colleagues at the first Accountants Division telethon for 1985. With her were **Don Borts, Paul Braun, Aaron Brotman** (co-chairman of the division), **Marvin Martenfeld, Danny Rosenzweig, Alan Sandler, Dave Swartz, Barry Tissenbaum** and **John Wiseman.**

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Marvin Geist, who co-chairs the Lawyers Division, brought out a small, hard-working contingent for one of a number of telethons the division has scheduled. Joining him were **Vern Balaban, Leonard Fine, Aaron Kwinter, Gerald Ross** and **Joel Schachter.**

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The Young Lawyers combined a dinner meeting with a telethon at the Lipa Green Building over a week ago. They have already surpassed their last year's final total (which was $16,400) and still going strong.

Three first-time canvassers — **Jackie Blaff, Brian Horlick** and **Mitch Weisberg** — joined regulars **Earl Altman, Billy Berger, Barry Edson, Ernest Roll, Judy Shostack, Alan Weinbaum, Alan Winer.**

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Business Division canvassers went at it hot and heavy at their recent telethon.

Putting in that extra effort were: **M. Paul Bloom, Sid Chelsky, Jeff Engel, Paul Ezrin, Sam Grad, George Herczeg, Nat Hurwich, Jack Kosoy, Dr. Harry Krakowsky, Willie Leibach, Bryan Rakusin, Joel Reitman, Ben Samuels, Shoel Silver** and **Hersh Taylor.**

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Moving right along, folks, Physicians Division Chairmen **Drs. Shim Felsen** and **Brian Silver** report excellent results from last week's telethon. On hand were **Drs. Ivan Goldman, Stuart Gordner, Albert Green, Howard Langer, Howard Price, Brian I. Schwartz.**

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Synagogue Co-chairman **David West** tells us that 135 cards were covered at a small telethon at which he was joined by **Hy Agassee, Jack Freedman, Harold Kates, Helen Schwartz** and **Frank Steiman.**

The division held a big one on Sunday. Will give you details next week.

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We did it again!

In last week's item on the Women's Division pull-in at **Julia Koschitzky**'s, we were right up against deadline and estimated that 50 women attended.

Wrong! More than 70 women showed up and brought in 500 completed cards, for a total of $113,190.

Not only was it a most productive day, but a highly entertaining one as well.

Special guest, **Fredelle Bruser Maynard**, author of *Raisins and Almonds*, had her listeners roaring with laughter at her seemingly inexhaustible collection of Jewish anecdotes. Sorry we weren't there.

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Campaign Director, **Steve Ain**, addressed the second function of the season of Women's Division Leadership Development program.

Entitled "UJA/TJC — How do they function," it was a luncheon in the Lipa Green Building, co-chaired by **Marlene Katzman** and **Debbie Kimel**. Following the luncheon and speaker, the 40 young women in attendance were given a tour of the building's cultural wing.

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Zvi Garcy (third from left) talks with Sam Gelkopf, Philip Skovronek and Sam Yakubowicz, before he addressed UJA breakfast meeting of the Chenstochover Aid Society.

The Stashiver Society, which has maintained an out-standing record not only in the ongoing commitment to UJA by the membership, but in the special projects they have assumed responsibility for in Israel — held a campaign luncheon last week. **Shalom Hershkop** and **Nathan Freedman**, president and UJA chairman, arranged for **Yossi Glatt** to be the guest speaker.

After a number of successful UJA missions to Israel, the society is planning another one for May, 1985, and they welcome any other Society members to join them. For information, call **Morris Greenwood** at 781-0759 or **Zelda Lootsteen**, 635-2883.

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Couples must handle growing pains

Flexibility to adapt sign of a happy marriage

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
The sign of a healthy marriage is a couple's ability to accommodate change, Prof. Benjamin Schlesinger told an audience at the recent Jewish Book Fair.

"It is important in lasting marriages to be flexible and adapt to the fluctuating roles within marriage," said Schlesinger, chairman of family specialization area in the faculty of social work, University of Toronto.

Schlesinger, who co-authored a booklet on Lasting Marriages with journalist Shirley Tenhouse Giblon, said relationships go through many stresses and strains. "It is the measure in which couples are able to handle the growing pains that indicate if a marriage is bound to succeed or fail," he said.

"During the 60s and 70s, Eric Segal's Love Story and the quotation 'Love means never having to say you're sorry' were popular. Now, in the 80s, we may have to accept that staying married means having to say you are sorry on numerous occasions," said Schlesinger, author and editor of 11 books and numerous articles in North American journals.

"The lasting marriage has to mean more than just 'going steady' or always having a date. The steady in marriage means being there when it counts. It means getting through the passages and ravages of time. It means still being able to say 'I'm glad to have you,' " he added.

In a recent study of lasting marriages conducted by Schlesinger's department, it was learned that the woman's role deviated most within marriage. Ninety percent of the women maintained traditional roles during the early stages of marriage, whereas 85% were working or studying outside the home 15 years or more later.

This study involved 129 couples in the Metro Toronto area who had been married at least 15 years and contained at least one child. Forty-three percent were Protestant, 31% Jewish, 18% Catholic and 2% other.

The following factors were researched: Qualities in the marriage, couple interaction, intimacy, fidelity, emotional aspects, communication, values, individual identity, problem solving, and more.

Schlesinger said that getting married is back in style in Canada. What's more important, he said, is that the idea of staying married is also enjoying a renewal in the 1980s.

"Now that we have entered the 80s, and the flower children are grown up, it appears that there is a new focus in North American family life on functioning families and lasting marriages. Young people have surprised us with their tendency to favor family life once again. But what is even more encouraging is that they also seem to be determined to make their marriages last.

"The artificial life of the Me generation is losing its flavor. The work commitment is beginning to have some real meaning," he emphasized.

The booklet culminates with a 50-point formula for better marriage prepared by Dr. Sawak Sarju, a family-life consultant.

Here are some valuable tips: Love, accept, appreciate, praise, admire, and respect your spouse; work, play and pray together; use conflict creatively to foster trust; always admit when you are wrong, and always keep a warm, open, honest and congenial relationship.

The lecture was sponsored by Pride of Israel Sisterhood.

Canadian-Arab trade said "vitally important"

TORONTO —
For Canada, business with the Arab world is "vitally important," International Trade Minister James Kelleher recently told a meeting here of the Canada-Arab Business Council.

He said that from 1979 to 1982, exports to Arab countries of goods alone more than doubled to reach $2 billion and that exports of services are estimated to be worth an additional billion dollars per year.

"The number of Canadian embassies in the region has increased significantly in the last decade, and our new embassy in Abu Dhabi is now open for business," Kelleher said. "All of them stand ready to assist you" in facilitating trade, he told the council.

"The fair-minded attitude in Canada towards the political problems of the area has long been established and recognized," the minister said, adding that the government will listen to such business groups as the council and "act effectively."

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1. **Friday, Dec. 14** - Oneg Shabbat at 8:30 p.m. Subject: **Mishpochology & Mishpochography: The Joys and Dangers of Preparing a Family Tree.** This is for everyone — especially for young couples.
2. **Saturday, Dec. 15** - Danny will give a **D'var Torah** from the Pulpit.
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4. **Saturday, Dec. 15** - at 8 p.m. **Regional U.S.Y. Melaveh Malka.** At the Melaveh Malka Danny will give a session on his major interest — **Tzedakah: the Privilege, Joy and Dignity of Giving.** All U.S.Y.'ers in the region are invited to this event and each U.S.Y.'er attending should bring a dollar bill. At this Melaveh the U.S.Y. will inaugurate **The Debbie Freeman Memorial Tzedekah Fund.**
5. **Sunday, Dec. 16** - at 10 a.m. Beth Tzedec Men's Club Meeting. Danny will speak on - **The Aftermath of the Holocaust** and will show slides of Poland (Warsaw, Cracow, Maidanek, and Auschwitz-Birkenau). All Welcome!

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Organizations and People

Centre plans open house

Mikvah a spiritual renewal for wife and husband

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
A mikvah means literally "a gathering of waters."

But to Jews who observe taharas hamishpocha — the halacha governing marital relations — it is a small pool of "living" water used for the ritual immersion of women, explains Sherri Wise.

("Living" is defined as fresh, running and drawn from a natural source — which means a swimming pool or bathtub do not qualify.)

Wise is in charge of publicity for the open house at the new Lubavitch Community Centre mikvah, which serves the northern Metropolitan and York Region communities.

Women who would like to see just what a modern mikvah is like are invited to attend the open house on Sunday, Dec. 9, between 1 and 3 p.m. at 770 Chabad Gate, just north of Bathurst and Steeles.

The laws of taharas hamishpocha forbid sexual relations between husband and wife during menses and for seven days afterwards, a period which concludes with the woman's immersion in the mikvah.

This ritual is not, Wise points out, seen in any way as a cleansing — in fact, one must bathe for hygienic purposes before entering the mikvah — or as the removal of any sort of stigma. Rather, it is a kind of spiritual renewal for both wife and husband.

Although, Wise said, the laws of taharas hamishpocha come from the Torah, which is in itself a valid reason for observing them they have profound psychological and physical benefits.

A couple observing periods of abstinence followed by a joyous reunion, avoid a sense of ennui, of boredom, so common to many marriages these days. "You feel like a bride and groom every month!"

As well, she added, taharas hamishpocha follows a basic Jewish principle, that of endowing everyday aspects of life with spiritual overtones.

Just as the laws of kashruth sanctify the preparation and consumption of food, Wise said, the laws of mikvah "elevate one of the most intimate of human activities into a sacred and holy experience."

Given all this philosophical background, mikvah supervisor Sultana Nakkar said with a twinkle, why not make the observance of this mitzvah as enjoyable as possible?

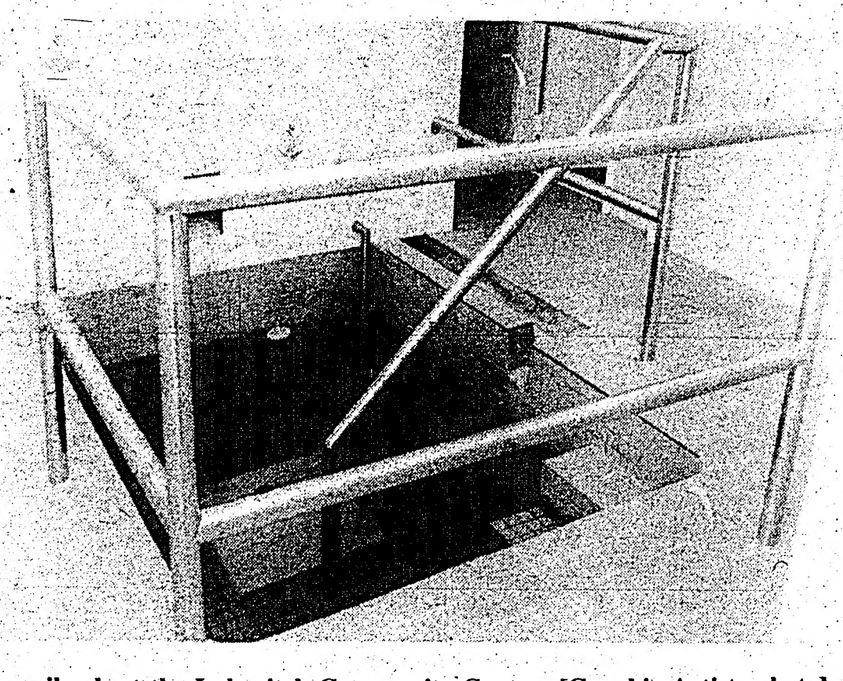
Nakkar pointed with pride to the four colour-coordinated designer bathrooms in navy and burgundy, connected to a central mikvah filled with clean, warm water.

All the bathrooms, which are private, are equipped with towels and other supplies — from shampoo to portable hair dryers. A comfortable lounge is available and everything is spotlessly clean.

The Lubavitch Community Centre mikvah is open from 7 to 10 every weeknight, or on Friday night or Jewish holidays by appointment.

The Dec. 9 open house will feature guided tours, a slide presentation and refreshments.

Women — but no men — are welcome.



The mikvah at the Lubavitch Community Centre. [Graphic Artists photo]

Three goals established by Hillel coordinator

TORONTO —
Wally Reinstein, recently-appointed national Hillel coordinator for B'nai B'rith Canada, says he has set himself three major goals, beginning with identifying needs in the Jewish student community and following up with a strong plan of action.

Reinstein, taking over from Sheryl Livergant who returned to Calgary to practice law, said he wants the national Hillel office to become a resource centre for the input and output of material of concern to Hillel, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish community as a whole.

He also wants "to strengthen a sense of Jewish pride, values and ethics within the university community and the Jewish community at large."

A native Torontonian with a strong Jewish background, Reinstein has an extensive knowledge of Jewish and Israeli affairs. He has experience teaching children at Temple Sinai Hebrew and religious school. He received his own Jewish education at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

He holds a specialized Honors degree in psychology and a Masters degree in social work and was a teacher at York University.

As national Hillel coordinator, Reinstein will be a liaison between the Hillel foundations across Canada and the national Hillel cabinet, as well as B'nai B'rith Canada. Also he will be a coordinator on the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization cabinet.

"I am sure that this position will not only give me the satisfaction of continuing to work in an area that is near and dear to my heart, Jewish communal work," he said, "but I hope it will also be a benefit to B'nai B'rith and the Jewish community."

Reinstein said the public can obtain further information about the national Hillel office by contacting him at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St., Downsview, Ont., or by calling him at (416) 633-6224.

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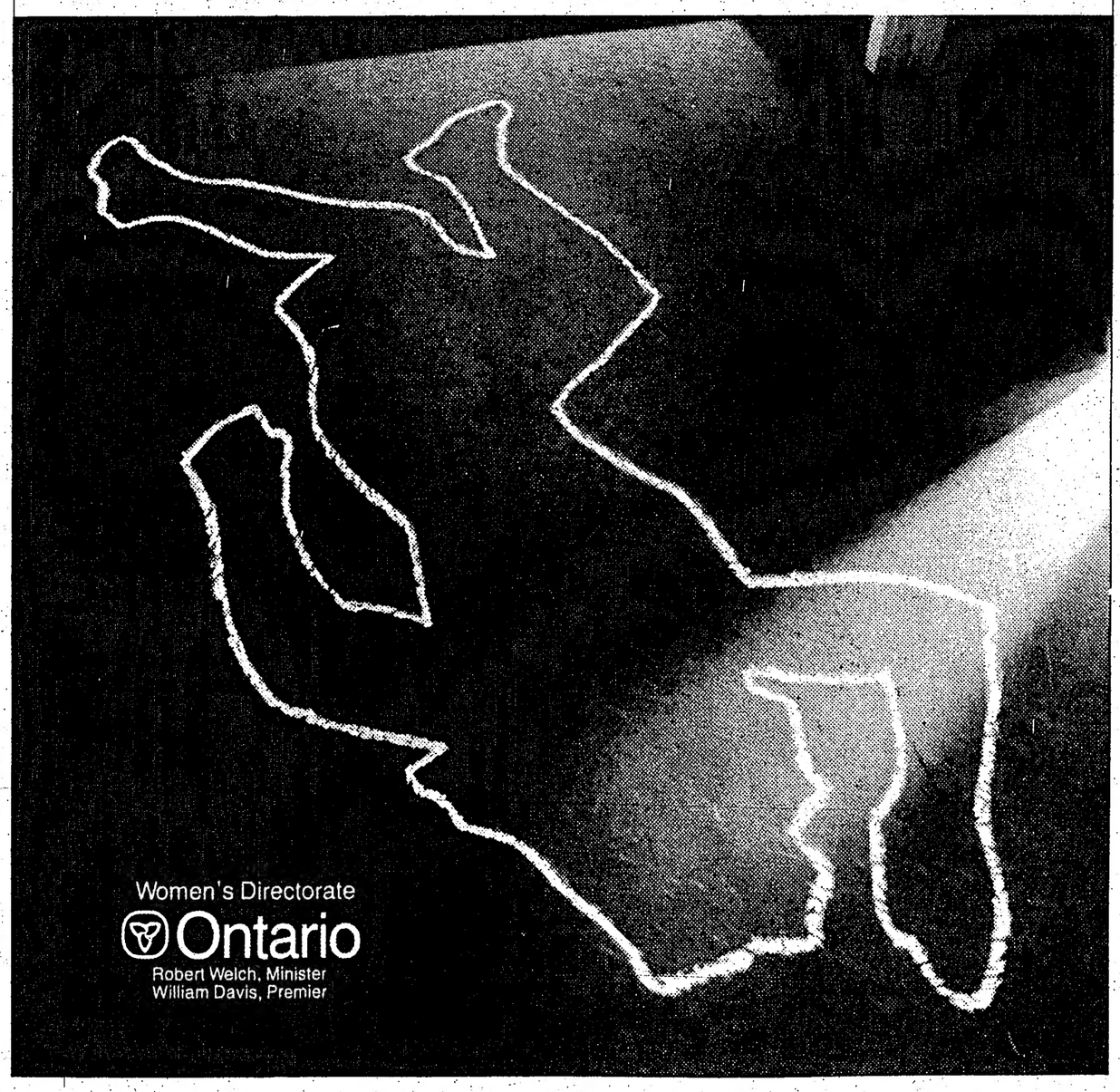

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The wonderful world of dining

Food presentation an extension of your personality

From the moment that eating became a pleasurable occupation instead of simply a means of sustenance, the art of presenting food has been evolving throughout the world, and today, that little sprig of parsley, that ubiquitous lemon wedge, just isn't enough. Presentation, simple and in good taste, is of paramount importance.

But what do you do to make your appetizer appealing, have your guests applaud your entree and dazzle people with your dessert? Must you have l'oeil de l'artiste, or is there some secret formula to follow that will make every dish resemble a painting from the Louvre?

Actually, say several of Toronto's top chefs, it takes a little of both, though the formula is far from secret. As for having an artist's eye, it helps if you do, but if you don't, it doesn't mean that your dinners can't bring gasps of delight from the guests.

Jean-Francois Casari, executive chef at the King Edward Hotel, says, "First, choose the items for presentation. You must think about the taste. Will the items you want to serve be compatible in taste?

"Remember, each item on its own may taste good, but together, don't complement each other. You can't put two bland foods together, for instance, roast potatoes and poached fish."

Casari says once you've decided on the items you wish to serve, buy quality.

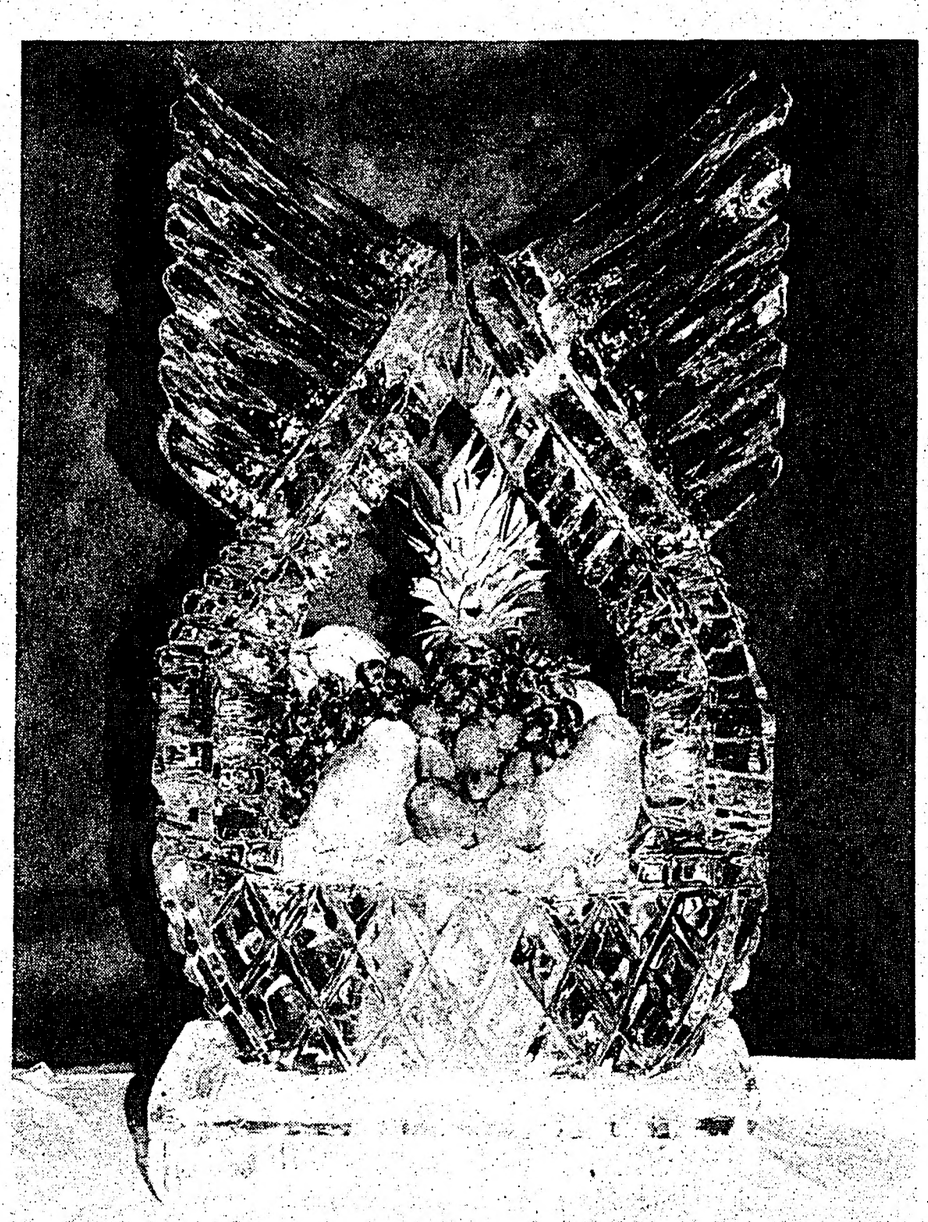
This advice is echoed by La Cuisine Imperiale's head chef, C.Y. Chou, whose elaborate creations have gained him the reputation as being one of the top five Chinese chefs in the world.

"Quality is what counts," he says. "You must first start with that. Everything else follows."

Chou, who believes there is a definite connection between art and food presentation— possibly because art is his hobby— designs each dish from his head rather than following any set rules or guidelines.

While most chefs believe there should be as much contrast in color as possible, Chou disagrees.

"You do not need contrast to make a beautiful dish. A combination of pastels—possibly abalone and white chicken meat— can create a pleasing effect. On the other hand, a vegetable dish layered with white asparagus, broccoli, tomatoes and mushrooms, each on top of the other and covered with a brown and a white sauce, is very colorful and very effective."



This fruit basket, carved out of ice, is the creation of the King Edward Hotel's Chef Garde-Manger Tom Isogai of Japan.

Casari, though preferring simple, but colorful plates, says he also likes some dishes that have no color at all.

"For example, a macaroni gratin with cheese can look gorgeous in a clay pot, and white pasta with a white sauce served on a black plate creates a stunning effect."

When it comes to color, Casari advises never to add color just for the sake of color, because "when it comes to food, any color can go together, except for blue, which is a ridiculous color for food."

Although a strong advocate of contrast, Casari says everything should look as natural as possible and doesn't advise using a lot of ingredients to obtain contrast.

"Do not make the all-too-common mistake of over garnishing or over decorating food."

Both chefs agree that once you have selected your menu, make the following checklist to ensure the start of a good presentation.

—Have you a good balance of flavors? No one course should have such a strong taste that every other dish seems dull and flavorless. It is also a mistake for every dish to be very rich with a high proportion of cream or butter, for the meal then becomes too cloying.

—Does the menu have changes of texture as well as flavor? Is every course soft and delicate or are they all hard and crisp?

If all dishes have a firm texture, ring them with soft, creamy vegetables or sauces. If your courses feature all soft foods, then either change one course or add crisp garnishes or a crunchy salad.

There are no firm, fast rules, but both chefs say there are many things you can do to present an attractive dish.

Single servings of symmetrically arranged slices of chicken breast and sweet crisp melon make an extremely attractive combination. Add a bit of curried sauce and you will have a delicious finished dish.

Even something "as boring as rice pudding," says Casari, can be presented attractively. "Put champagne aspic on top, fruit salad in the middle and decorate with whipped cream. Take my word, it looks good."

The best advice, say Casari and Chou, is to follow your own instincts and "use the full array of colors that nature offers you.

"Remember, presentation is an extension of your personality, so don't be afraid to follow your instincts."

Bon appetit!

Restaurateurs enjoy success

Chinese cooking remains a favorite for Canadians

The introduction of Chinese food to the Western World and its sudden rise to universal popularity during the post-war era, must be something of a puzzle to all believers of Kipling's dictum that "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet."

There are several reasons for the phenomenal advance of Chinese food. Various political and social factors have undoubtedly contributed to its galloping spread—factors such as the population explosion in Hong Kong after 1950 and the advent of the affluent society in the West, both of which triggered the culinary curiousity of a now much more mobile population.

There are many regional varieties of Chinese cooking, but only five major styles.

The Peking or Shantung style emphasizes delicacy of flavor; Szechwan food is hot and spicy; Honan cooking is spicy, sweet and sour; the Fukien school of cooking is famous for its clear soups, seafood dishes and subtlety of flavoring; and Cantonese cooking, best known in Western countries, is a combination of many styles, with an emphasis on stir-fried vegetables and subtle flavors.

One man who probably knows as much about Cantonese cooking as anyone in the world, is Bill Wen, who has operated Sai Woo at 130 Dundas St. W. for 30 years.

A native of a small town southwest of Kuangzhou (formerly Canton) Wen says of Cantonese cooking: "We rely on the natural flavors of the food in its preparation. Nothing is overpowering."

He points proudly to the fact that his restaurant has grown from a 50-seat operation in 1954 to its present 600-seat capacity.

Wen attributes much of Sai Woo's success to good, authentic and original Chinese food, and consistency.

"People keep coming back because they know they will get a good meal and it will be exactly as it was the last time they were here. The reason for this is that we don't change the way we do things, so customers know they won't be disappointed."

People from all over the world come to Sai Woo when visiting Toronto, says Wen, including many government delegations from China. Wen is also proud of his Jewish clientele.

"I've had a long and good relationship with members of the Jewish community, ever since I first started in business and they used to come here with their families.

"Now I have young people come in and say, 'Remember me?' If I don't, they say, I'm the son of Mr. and Mrs. so and so'— and then I recognize the name. I've had second, third and fourth generations of Jewish families come here and I get to see the new babies and family pictures, and meet new people.

"That's one of the reasons I keep working. I love the people."

As for his food, Wen says one of his most popular dishes is the Sai Woo special chow mein, but that seafood and vegetable dishes, as well as the meat offerings, are always a favorite of his customers.

He is especially proud of his Stuffed Bird's Nest Chicken, the recipe of which he brought from China and which was recently traced to his restaurant by a Chinese delegation who had been trying to trace it in China.

After 30 years in the same area, Wen has no plans to move and is a happy man.

"There is a Chinese saying that a Chinese man's goal in life is to have the following: Chinese food, a Japanese wife, French wine and an American house," he says laughing.

Wen has definitely got the Chinese food. As for the rest, we can only guess.

On the other side of the coin is Eddy Cheung, a young, ambitious restaurateur from Hong Kong, who since coming to Toronto in 1976, has opened three restaurants - the Jade Court at 419 Dundas W.; Manadarin Palace at 3550 Victoria Park; and his newest, the Oceana Palace, at 23 Glen Watford Dr. in Scarborough.

The Oceana Palace, says Cheung, specializes in seafood from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as well as featuring barbecued food like Peking Duck..

Cheung feels that one reason so many people like Chinese food, other than for its taste, is that "it is the best bargain of any food for people going out to eat.

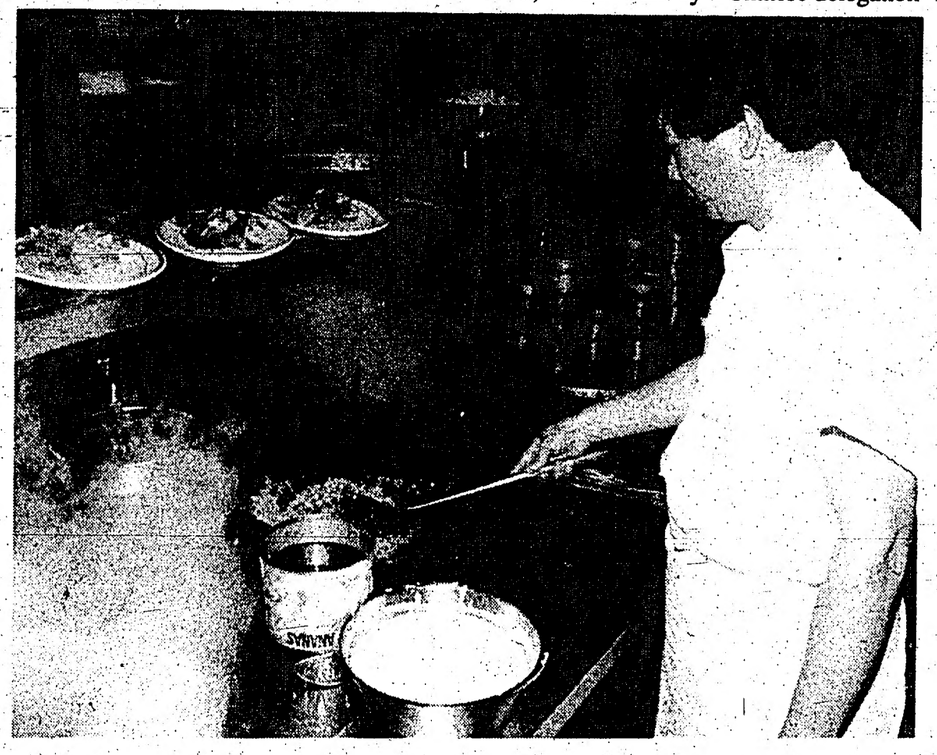
"There's lots of variety and the prices are reasonable. That's a hard combination to beat."

That combination has proved successful for Cheung, pointing out that his Mandarin Palace serves almost 10,000 customers a week.

Many of Cheung's customers are Jewish, particularly at the Mandarin Palace, and he hopes to build up a strong Jewish clientele at the Oceana.

"Ever since I opened the Jade Court as a small family restaurant, I've attracted many Jewish customers.

"They like Chinese food and like to bring their families. Our menus offer something for everyone, whether it be vegetarian dishes, seafood or meat and we cook in both the Cantonese and Szechwan style."



Chef Yk Huang prepares food in the Sai Woo kitchen.

Stories by Len Butcher

Photos by Ronny Shinder

Dining

Tourists gain awareness of quality

Niagara Falls hotel gives Ontario wines a boost

NIAGARA FALLS—
There is no question that wine adds immeasurably to the enjoyment of any meal, but there is always the question of what kind of wine—red or white—and the never-ending argument of what country produces the best wines.

Many rate the French as runaway winners, while others favor the wines of Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal and California.

But what about Canadian wines, the wines connoisseurs have been looking down their sensitive noses at for years?

Are they still looked upon with about as much enthusiasm as hockey fans view the chances of the Maple Leafs winning the Stanley Cup?

Not any longer! As the ad says, "You've come a long way baby." With the introduction of new hybrid varieties, Canadian wines have vaulted into world-class competition, and to help them gain the recognition they deserve, Carol Willick, food and beverage manager for the CairnCroft Hotel on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, has come up with a unique idea.

Willick is featuring only Ontario wines on her wine list in the hotel's dining room.

The attractive Willick, who has been in the hotel business for 20 years, "starting out as a waitress," says she is a strong believer in Canadian wines and "I think they need a lot of help."

She decided to introduce the program, which will start this month, "because our dining room is basically tourist oriented and I feel we should be introducing the tourist to the fact that this is a strong wine region."

Willick believes that "if you can pique a customer's interest in Ontario wines and introduce them to the fact that this is a strong wine region and we have excellent wines, then I think they're likely to try something like that to find what it's all about."

She is the first to admit that not all Canadian wines are great wines, but there are certainly enough good offerings to fill her wine list of some 20 varieties.

A firm believer in cottage wineries like Inniskillin and Chateau des Charmes, which she thinks "are doing an excellent job, as well as others," Willick notes the fact that they are close enough to utilize for her staff.

"I've taken my staff on tours of the wineries and it's been a real education for them. The wineries have been very receptive and co-operative and we've held a number of wine tastings to help the staff become knowledgeable about Ontario wines."

One of the things Willick finds in the industry is that "not many people in the business, at this level, are very knowledgeable." She says that when she first came to CairnCroft 18 months ago, she found the staff "were deathly afraid of someone ordering a bottle of wine because they weren't comfortable serving it and they didn't know what to recommend if asked. That's why I plan to have ongoing training for the staff and spend time with the girls who are selling the wine."

Willick says that last year, a group from France staying at the hotel wanted a tour of the wineries and "I introduced them to Bright's Baco Noir. They were favorably impressed and enjoyed it very much, which was both interesting and flattering."

The wines will all be in the middle price range, Willick says, and instead of using the normal markup, all wines will be marked up $5 a bottle.

"Our meals are in the middle price range, so we can't very well start asking more for a bottle of wine than what a meal costs."

She's hoping the bottom dollar figure will increase —"It better," she laughs, "or my neck will be in a sling."

Looking around the oak-panelled, carpeted dining room with its fireplace, she pauses and says, "I really believe it's going to work."

Authors offer potpourri for Canadian gourmands

By
FRANK RASKY

Air Fare is designed for Canadian gourmands who dream of hobnobbing with their favorite Canadian radio and TV stars.

Well, to be more precise, if not exactly hobnobbing with the celebrities, at least hot-plating it with them, vicariously.

Subtitled The Entertainers Entertain and published by CBC Enterprises, it's a $12.95 cookbook put together by two Jewish gastronomique connoisseurs.

Magazine writer Allan Gould has stirred together a potpourri of entertaining profiles plus recipes from 41 broadcast personalities.

Among them are Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster, who reveal the culinary secret of preparing a delicious Pesto Presto sauce; Pierre Berton (Klondike Baked Beans); Knowlton Nash (Stir-Fried Chicken); and Clyde Gilmour (Pear Pie Pavarotti).

Wine columnist Tony Aspler makes wine suggestions to go along with the dishes, some of his tips amusing. His recommendation for Harry Elton's Fresh Fruit Salad — which includes French brandy — reads this way:

"Just sieve out the fruit, throw it away, and consume the liquid."

A fish soup to please palate

Yue Tong Min
(Fish soup with noodles)

1 tbsp peanut oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tsp finely chopped fresh ginger
6 cups fish stock
1 lb. fillets of white fish
2-3 bundles egg noodles, boiled
Few drops sesame oil
2 tbsp chopped fresh coriander leaves

Heat oil in a saucepan and fry garlic and ginger over low heat for a few seconds.

Add fish stock and bring slowly to the boil.

Add fish, cut into bite-size pieces, cook five minutes, then add noodles and return to boil.

Stir in sesame oil and garnish with coriander leaves.

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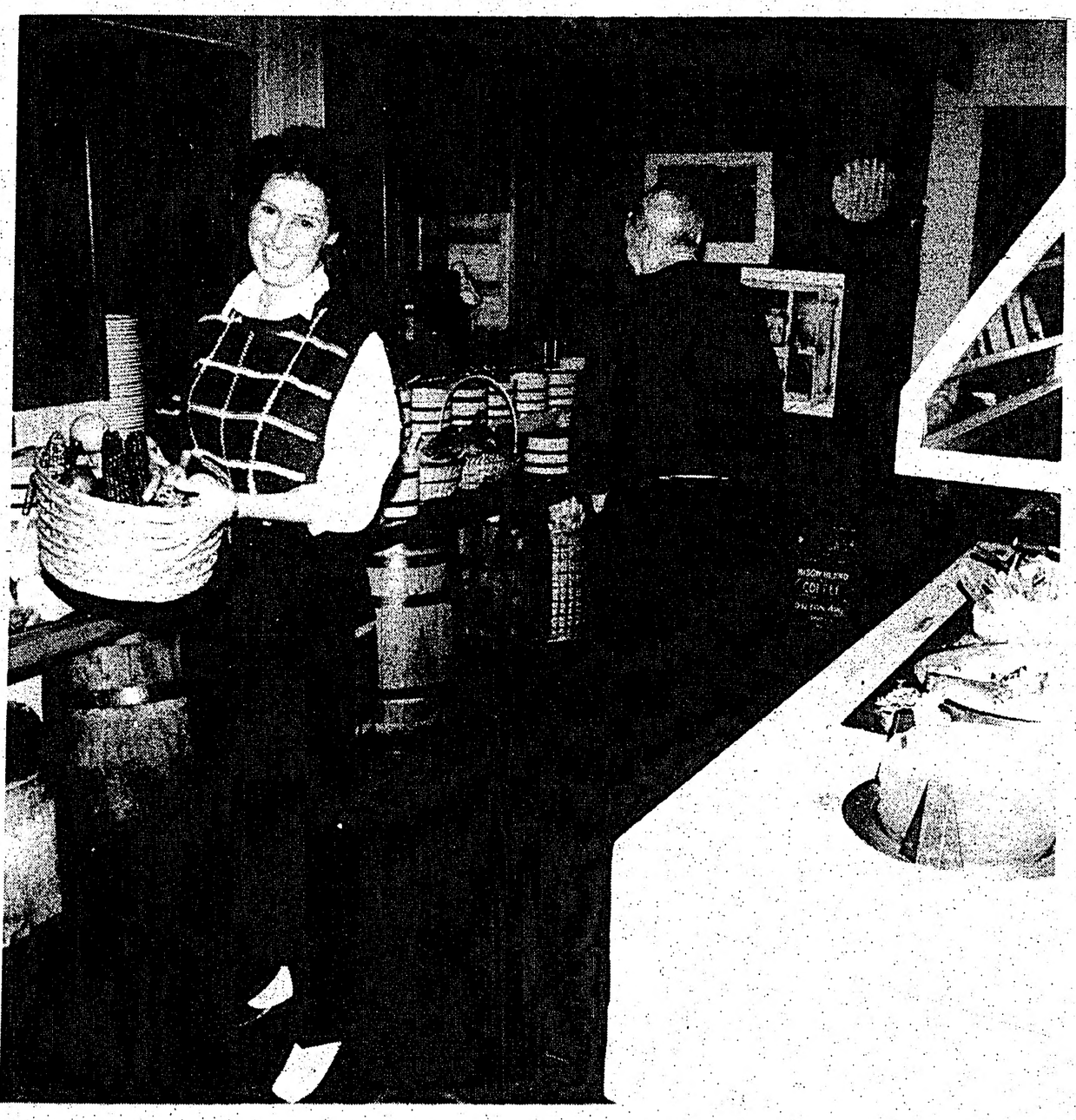
Calorie counters must still be aware

Nutrition-conscious continue lining up at salad bars



Nancy Wasylyk, Sunshine's manager, restocks salad bar with some of the more than 80 items offered.

If there is one major trend in dining today, it is the trend toward nutrition, and for many health-conscious Canadians, that means passing up the fries and burgers and heading for the salad bar.

Not only are salad bars nutritious, but they've proved a winner for many Metro restaurants.

One of the busiest and most successful is Sunshine's in the Bayview Village Shopping Centre, which features more than 80 items (the average is between 20 and 40).

Manager Nancy Wasylyk says one of the reasons for Sunshine's success is that "we offer a lot of items others don't, like a variety of seafood, artichoke hearts, asparagus tips and fresh yoghurt, as well as our own muffins, banana bread and carrot-nut bread.

"Also, because we're so busy all the time, it's easy to keep our food fresh, which is very important for a salad bar."

Although she doesn't see any one particular item as being the "most popular," she says the whole range of salads offered are popular with customers, including "a wild rice salad and fresh fruit salad that are a little different than what you might find elsewhere."

Another attraction, Wasylyk says, is the variety of dry foods, which includes raisins, banana chips and fruit mix.

Dunc Holmes of The Keg Restaurants, says customers are enjoying a greater selection of greens. "Romaine lettuce has four times the vitamin A and twice the vitamin C of iceberg lettuce and cottage cheese and pineapple, a nutritious combination, is a favorite."

But salad bars are by no means foolproof. It's a fallacy that all salads are low in calories.

If you heap your plate with potato salad, coleslaw, garbanzo beans, cottage cheese, hard-cooked eggs and croutons, then slop liberal amounts of dressing over your greens, you could be getting more calories than you would in a hamburger and french fries.

Calorie counters should stick to the plain fruit and vegetables. They may not taste as good, but look how healthy you'll be.

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It is said that to be successful, you have to be one step ahead of the other guy. You not only have to know what you're doing, but you must be an "idea" man.

Proof of this is Hal Roback, who two years ago, along with Ken Baxter, opened the highly successful The Fish House at 2035 Sheppard Ave. E.

"Our belief at the time," says Roback, "was that fish is going to the be food of the 80s and 90s and business is proving us right."

Whether you're a fish fancier or not, The Fish House's offerings of more than 40 varieties of fresh fish is sure to impress. But exactly what does fresh fish mean?

"Good question," says Roback, "because the reality of fresh fish is that fresh is anything under 28 days. Now, obviously, there's a difference between 3-day-old fish and 28-day-fish, but to ensure freshness, a restaurant, especially one away from the ocean, must get as close to the supply as possible."

To do this, Roback "works extremely closely with brokers and through the years we've built up reputable suppliers to guarantee that freshness."

The reason for this close relationship, says Roback, is that "you have the problem of what is called fresh frozen. In other words, some suppliers get their fish, freeze it, then thaw it out and pawn it off as fresh fish. We've had people try to do that in the past, but have sent it right back."

But how do you tell if the fish has been frozen?

"Look for any damage to the skin. When a fish has been frozen, it will start to separate from the skin, will pull away from the centre of it and you'll see bruises on the flesh of the fish."

Comparing the merits of fish to beef, Roback says that fish has a very low fat content, is easy to digest and because the protein fibres are much smaller than that of beef, is lower in cholesterol. "Of course, if you eat a lot of anything, you're going to get fat," he laughs.

Hal Roback, owner of The Fish House, and chef Robert Orsi check just a few of the fresh fish served at the restaurant.

As for nutrition, "it's high in protein, low in fat and has all kinds of good salt and iodine components."

The variety at The Fish House, ranging from Florida grouper to Spanish mackerel, can satisfy almost any taste and that is one of the reasons why there is such a great selection.

"One of the most rewarding things for us, business aside, is turning people on to fish," Roback says. "So many people come in that we get to know and we see that they always order something mild like rainbow trout. We talk to them and say, 'Hey, let me bring you a little piece of barbecued kingfish,' and they try it and love it.

"In a way, we're in the business of educating and having people experiment with the different fish. That's an integral part of our marketing strategy and it pays off," he says enthusiastically.

Part of this education process is a fish tasting every Tuesday night. "We feature a different fish on those nights and anyone who comes in, regardless of what they order, are given a complimentary piece of that fish just so they can try it."

Roback is also thinking of conducting a cooking school for fish appreciation and fish cookery Saturday mornings and hopes to implement it in the near future.

As well as having "one of the busiest restaurants in Toronto," Roback's chef, Robert Orsi, was recently awarded first prize in the Dairy Bureau of Canada Fish Competition for his Sole de Brie, which is served at The Fish House.

Despite the crowds that flock to The Fish House, Roback says many people come in and say, "Give me a fish that doesn't taste or smell like fish.

"So we say, 'Here, would you like this one that tastes like chicken,' he says with a laugh. "There seems to be a commitment by people to want to eat fish, but they don't want it to taste like fish and I think that has to do a lot with memories of cod liver oil and all those old things. I know my father used to scream when he saw fish in the house."

The only screaming Roback now hears from his customer is for more.

It's been a satisfying, rewarding experience for this 30-year-old ex Montrealer who attended cooking school for two years in the Catskills, followed by a degree in hotel administration from Cornell University.

Following school he worked as director of marketing for the 15 restaurants owned by the Old Fish Market group.

Several years ago he hooked up with Baxter, 27, and the two decided to open their own restaurant.

"We decided on this type of restaurant because fish was the dish." They've never looked back.

Sole Brie recipe takes first prize

Filet of Sole de Brie

1 lb Canadian Brie cheese
8 oz. unsalted butter
3 lbs filet of sole, boned, fresh or frozen
2 heads Boston lettuce
1 4 oz tin red pimentos
3 lemons sliced
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Cut 20 equal pieces out of the sole and slice the Brie cheese into 20 equal slivers.

Clean, drain and leaf the Boston lettuce, taking care not to tear the leaves.

In a frying pan, melt the butter, keeping it warm.

Lay a piece of sole along the length of each large lettuce leaf.

Season with salt and pepper to taste and top with slice of Brie.

Roll the lettuce neatly into a little packet and place the 20 packets onto an aluminum cookie sheet.

Sprinkle the rolls with the drained diced pimentos.

(The above can be done 2 to 4 hours ahead of time and can be stored in refrigerator til needed).

Bake the prepared rolls in an oven preheated to 350 F. for 20 minutes.

Baste the rolls once after the first 10 minutes of cooking.

Using a spatula, gently dish two rolls per person onto a preheated plate, spooning some of the natural juice onto each serving.

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With the Chanukah festival rapidly approaching, latkes will soon start sizzling in Jewish homes everywhere.

Known by many names in the Mideast region, including fashputshes, spanzes, dushpire and ataif, the latka goes back to the days of the Maccabis when a cruse of oil found in the Temple lasted for eight days instead of only one. As a reminder of the miracle, latkes or pancakes are fried in oil.

While latkes are associated with Chanukah, this delicacy is consumed by patrons of fine food year round.

Moishe Zombeck, owner of Milk'n Honey (3457 Bathurst St.), said that traditionally Jews like fried food. Because it is relatively easy and inexpensive to make, he said, it has become a traditional food among Jews.

Zombeck said that latkes are a popular item at his place and that customers enjoy them with sour cream or yogurt, both as a side order and as a mid-day snack.

While most make latkes with grated potatos there are some variations a creative cook can experiment with including with cheese, yeast and fruit. In oriental countries sugar and sesame seeds are used.

Included are a few recipes for latkes.

POTATO PANCAKES

4 large potatos, grated
3 tbsp. matzah meal
¼ tsp. pepper
3 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. salt
oil for frying

Care should be taken to have all the ingredients ready for immediate use before grating the potatos. (Grated potatos that are left standing turn brown.) It is desirable to use 2 pans at a time to expedite frying the pancakes.

Grate the potatos and squeeze out as much water as possible. Mix the grated potatos, matzah meal, eggs, salt, pepper and onion powder. Heat oil in a frying pan. When the oil is hot, drop the potato mixture by tablespoons into the oil. Fry on both sides until brown. Remove from the oil and drain on paper toweling.

The pancakes can be fried in advance and frozen. Before serving, lay the pancakes in one layer on a foil-lined cookie sheet and reheat.

FRUIT LATKES

2 cups flour
½ tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
1 egg, beaten
⅔ cup orange juice
1 can pie-sliced apples or
1 can pineapple chunks
oil for frying
confectioners' sugar

Sift together the dry ingredients. Add the egg and orange juice. Beat well. Batter will be heavy. Add the well-drained fruit of your choice. Drop by spoonfuls into the oil at 375°. Fry until brown. Drain on paper toweling. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve hot. 6 servings.

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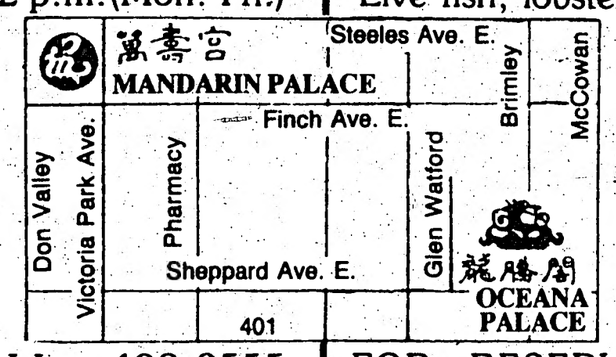

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25 years of service

Rabbi Kelman honored by dignitaries, friends

By
JEFF ROSEN

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, second left, was honored on the occasion of his 25th year at the synagogue. With him is his wife Ruth, left, and Aubie Himmel and Ethel Rosen, chairman and co-chairman of the silver jubilee committee. [Graphic Artists photo]

TORONTO —

If there is a special way to express gratitude for 25 years of continuous dedication to a synagogue, congregants and friends of Rabbi Joseph Kelman did so, as the spiritual leader was honored for a quarter century of service to the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at a weekend of celebrations at the synagogue recently.

Kicking off the festivities, an Oneg Shabbat was held to honor the rabbi's wife, Rebbetzin Ruth Kelman, followed by a congregational family dinner.

On Saturday students of the Ezra and Kadima Schools, which Kelman started, participated in the morning Shabbat service. In the evening a Jerusalem cabaret was held featuring dancing, refreshments and entertainment.

The highlight of the weekend though, was a tribute dinner attended by over 400, including Frank Drea, minister of community and social services, Gideon Saguy, consul general of Israel, York Centre MP Robert Kaplan, North York mayor Mel Lastman, MPP David Rotenberg, Charles Goldlust, vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, and Rabbis Moses Burak, Nachman Shemen, Irwin Witty, Philip Scheim and Israel Freedman.

The evening began with moving tributes to the spiritual leader by his daughter, Tova Kelman Gutenberg, Eleanor London, president of the Reena Foundation, and synagogue president Sydney Himel.

Looking at the rabbi's life from a personal point of view, Kelman Gutenberg said being in the same building as her father while attending Hebrew school at the Beth Emeth meant she could visit her father during recess and that teachers expected model behavior from her and her two brothers Jay and Maury. However that was not always the case, she added.

She said that it was "a rare Shabbat or Yom Tov that we didn't have guests' and that when they went out as a family they often found themselves waiting for their father while he visited a hospital, the Don Jail or the Queen Street Mental Centre.

London described Kelman's many achievements in the community including his work with the Ezra and Kadima Schools, the Reena Foundation and his Ryerson fellowship, while Himel went into Kelman's role at the Beth Emeth, from the groundbreaking ceremony on April 5, 1959 to the present (CJN Nov 8).

"He is a man of all seasons," Himel said.

Each tribute was followed by a slide presentation, which showed Kelman from boyhood to the present, his marriage to Ruth, his children and granddaughter, his many trips to Israel, involvement in the community and the growth of the synagogue.

After a dinner of salmon en croute, minestrone soup, mimosa salad, cornish hen continental, snow peas and mushrooms and potato parisienne, the rabbi's brother, Rabbi Abraham Kelman, former spiritual leader of the Bais Yehuda Congregation in Toronto and leader of the Prospect Park Jewish Centre in Brooklyn, NY, thanked everyone for their generosity.

"Events like this make us a more generous and giving people," the senior Kelman said.

He praised his younger brother for "grasping the values (their) father epitomized" by continuing the rabbinate in the family.

"He has opened many doors and built many institutions," he said.

Beth Emeth's spiritual leader was presented with a hand engraved megillah by Aubie Himmel, chairman of the silver jubilee committee, and a book of tributes by co-chairman Ethel Rosen.

Included in the book are personalized greetings from congregants, friends and political dignitaries, including Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Premier William Davis, Ontario Lieutenant Governor John Aird, Frank Drea, minister of community and social services, Robert Kaplan, Philip Givens, chairman of Metro Toronto Police Commission, Metro Toronto Chairman Dennis Flynn, Toronto mayor Art Eggleton, Mayor Mel Lastman, Paul Godfrey, Morton Siegel, director of United Synagogue of America, Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Synagogue, Rabbi Irwin Witty, Brian Segal, president of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, and Arthur Kruger, principal of Woodsworth College, University of Toronto.

The book also includes greetings from B'nai B'rith Canada, Jewish National Fund of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress.

An obviously emotional Kelman finally took the podium, calling the celebration, "an extraordinary weekend in the lives of the Kelman family that went beyond my wildest expectations.

"I'm grateful for the many opportunities this synagogue has given me to work in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities," Kelman said, adding that the various organizations he became involved with added to his rabbinic and personal life over the years.

Pleading "guilty" to being a dreamer, Kelman went on to say that it is in the nature of the Jewish people to dream.

"I'm grateful I havn't changed that much," Kelman said in a moving speech. "If a person stops dreaming life loses its meaning . . . and becomes boring."

Noting that the world today is different from 25 years ago, Kelman said that he "believes in change based on tradition...in not destroying the old, but building on it."

After thanking all the past presidents of the synagogue, congregants and dignitaries present, Kelman gave special thanks to his wife Ruth.

"Without her help, none of this could have taken place," he said in concluding the evening.

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Helped eradicate last traces of smallpox

Korn looks back fondly on Africa experience

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Ontario's chief medical officer of health has prayed with the Falashas at Rosh Hashanah, has run through the major cities of Europe and the cow paths of Ethiopia and has helped eradicate the last traces of smallpox in the world. Yet throughout it all religion has played an important role in Dr. David Korn's life.

"It provided me with a fundamental humanity at a very early age and a respect for one's fellow man...a tolerance in some ways for the human condition...a feeling of being part of a human continuum in the global sense," Korn said in an interview with The CJN.

Korn was appointed as the chief medical officer of health with the Ontario ministry of health in September 1983. His career has taken him to many corners of the world where he has had the opportunity to interact with many different peoples.

Leaving behind his medical practice and native Toronto in 1971, Korn became a government medical officer in the Republic of Zambia. There he worked in a British Anglican mission hospital in the eastern part of the country where he ran a 300 bed

Dr. David Korn

hospital with two other physicians.

Korn said he decided to make the trek to the "dark continent" because he had been interested in Africa since his boyhood days.

"I think there was a side of me as a physician that simply valued the opportunity to provide some service in that part of the world."

Moving on from Zambia in 1975, Korn became a consultant epidemiologist for the World Health Organization's smallpox eradication program in Ethiopia.

It was there that the 42-year-old physician encountered the most significant experience of his career when he took part in the program to wipe out smallpox.

"It was tremendously exciting...to have been a small part of a program that resulted in the actual worldwide eradication of a really major disease," said Korn. "It colored my view about the role of prevention."

Korn said that while he "really got converted" about preventive medicine while over in Ethiopia, he was introduced to the concept while in university. He said that prior to attending medical school he had some background in sociology that influenced him to think in terms of groups and communties rather than individuals.

He explained that preventive medicine involves initiating programs, in such areas as immunization, family planning, health care and drug and alcohol education, to ensure that individuals remain healthy.

"As chief medical officer all my activities are essentially directed towards health promotion and disease prevention."

Living in a base camp tent in the highlands of Ethiopia, Korn helped organize native health workers to identify cases of smallpox.

"Because the terrain was so rugged, the area I was working in looked like the back side of the moon.

"In Ethiopia it is very difficult to move across the land quickly so they brought into the program four jet helicopters. It was a bit of an unusual situation. We were working with some people who had never seen an airplane before. (The helicopter pilots) were flying into these areas and the general perception that this must be a bird."

While stationed in Ethiopia, he said, there was severe famine in parts of the country with the worst occurring in Wollo province. He said he learned after leaving Africa that 40% of the population there died from the famine and 60% of the cattle were lost.

While not working in an area near Falashas, Korn said he happened to be in Addis Ababa during Rosh Hashanah and took the opportunity to venture into the old Moslem sector to attend synagogue with about 30 Falashas.

"It seemed similar to the Orthodox practices that I'd been exposed to as a kid."

When he wasn't chasing medical problems, Korn often took the time to get out and jog, a hobby he started while in medical school. Korn said that while it began as an outlet from his studies, it became a way of life, so that when he left for Africa, his running shoes went with him and he often jogged while in Zambia and Ethiopia.

Returning to North America to assume a teaching positon at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1976, Korn returned to Ontario in 1978 and became the associate medical officer of health in the Simcoe County District Health Unit in Midhurst. The following year he became the medical officer of health for the unit.

Finally in 1983, Korn started his current post. As chief medical officer of health for Ontario, Korn said he is responsible to ensure that health hazards are addressed and that local boards of health institute core programs, such as community sanitation, public health dentistry and education, nutrition and communicable disease control.

As well, Korn said he provides a provincial presence in emergency situations.

Besides his official duties, Korn said his position allows him to get involved of areas of health care that interest him.

He said he has a strong interest in preventing diseases in children such as measles, rubella and congenital rubella. He also indicated an interest in lifestyle related risks and drug, alcohol and smoking problems, as well as occupational and environmental concerns.

Diabetes research wins big in raffle evening

TORONTO —

A happy raffle winner drove off in a $100,000 Rolls-Royce and a crowd of 8,000 spenders were glad to leave behind $650,000 on behalf of diabetes research last week at the Metro Convention Centre.

Particularly pleased with the results was Annette Oelbaum, president of the non-profit Toronto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, which organized the annual Rolls-Royce raffle & Gala Evening. She paid tribute to the 450 volunteers who staged the event and said the 1985 gala was already booked for the Convention Centre next Nov. 26.

Committee members responsible for the event include Ronald Oelbaum, Allan Shiff, Mel Wise, Arlene Zitsow, Lynda Weinrib, Len Levitsky, Bonnie Jackson, Helaine Shiff, Barry Brown, Carol Slatt, Arlene Schwartz, Gloria Lewis, Saul Muskat, Penny Offman, Carol Perlmutter, Verna Gibson, Martin Belman, Lou Wronzberg, and Charles Cameron.

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Ambassador Shaul Ramati, left, joins Consul General Gideon Saguy, right, in congratulating Alderman Irving Chapley and Mrs. Chapley. [Graphic Artists photo]

Tribute dinner for Chapley

Diaspora gets call for help

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Israel's inflation-riddled economy is in a mess and painful times are ahead for the Israelis if the country's $23 billion budget is trimmed by $2 billion, as is planned by the government.

This was the message brought to a large Israel Bonds audience by Shaul Ramati, Israel's former ambassador to Japan and Brazil, at a tribute dinner last week honoring North York Alderman Irving Chapley, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The difficult times in Israel mean that Diaspora Jewry must pitch in and help through the purchase of Bonds, Ramati said.

Currently an advisor to Israel's science ministry, Ramati also described the current stand in Lebanon as "a mess." He said the United States' aims at getting all foreign factions to leave Lebanon were "unattainable" all along.

He warned that sooner or later, Israel's currency will have to be reformed and radical changes made to the economy.

But the evening belonged to Chapley, who sat on a long dais with the mayors of Toronto and the suburbs; with Metro Toronto Chairman Dennis Flynn, former Chairman Paul Godfrey, Israel's consul-general in Toronto Gideon Saguy and representatives of the tribute's other sponsor, B'nai B'rith Canada.

Apart from paying homage to Chapley, State of Israel Bonds organizers hoped to raise some $200,000 at the dinner, while B'nai B'rith purchased $18,000 worth of bonds in Chapley's honor.

Chapley has been an alderman in North York for 10 years and also serves on the Metro Toronto council. He is involved in a myriad of other community functions, including the Jewish War Veterans, a variety of group homes and disease research foundations and the Canadian National Exhibition.

As well, he is a past president of the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith and a member of the speaker's bureau of State of Israel Bonds.

Chapley was the first Jew ever to serve on the board of Branson Hospital in North York.

He earned kudos from North York Mayor Mel Lastman and from Paul Godfrey, currently the publisher of the Toronto Sun, who credited Chapley for getting him started in politics.

Chapley was presented with the David Ben Gurion Award by Consul-General Saguy, who praised the honoree for "meritorious" work within the Jewish community.

Plaudits also came from other levels of government. Bruce McCaffrey, MPP from Wilson Heights, a riding that includes most of Chapley's ward, offered greetings and Member of Parliament John Oostrom read a congratulatory telegram from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

A bit stunned by all the praise by evening's end, Chapley nevertheless thanked the overflow audience for "the greatest evening" of his life.

Jewish women get advocacy training

MONTREAL —

A 2-day seminar for Jewish women leaders from across Canada was held here recently to discuss strategies for ensuring the equality of women in Jewish organizations. The goal was to set up local status of women committees in all communities.

Held under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress, this advocacy training seminar attended by 60 women was called a "huge success" by Dorothy Reitman, CJC chairman of the national executive.

"Issues such as equality, access to employment, salaries, and equal involvement in decision-making are some of the long-range goals of women. It is one thing to raise funds, and another to decide how the funds should be used," she said.

Reitman pointed out that women in Jewish communal organizations have not yet achieved equality with men. "A lot of this is revealed in the language that people use. For example, an outgoing man is often seen as capable, while a woman with similar characteristics is called aggressive."

The advocacy training seminar consisted of workshops and general meetings. It was funded by a grant from the secretary of state and chaired by Sharon Weintraub, co-vice chairperson of the CJC Status of Women Committee, and Shira Bessin.

Speakers included Judge Rosalie Abella, chairman of the Ontario Labor Relations Board; Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, assistant rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple; and Chaviva Hosek, chairperson of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

The workshops identified the barriers that exist and stressed advocacy techniques that can be used to overcome these barriers.

For example, said Reitman, "one of the first strategies is that if you want to get your group accepted by the establishment and the community, you have to look at issues such as financing and staff. You have to look at the total process."

Workshop facilitators included Marjorie Blankstein of Winnipeg, Helen Cooper and Elizabeth Wolfe of Toronto, and Jean Gerber of Vancouver.

Rabbi Goldstein noted that in Judaism women have had a much more important role than they presently enjoy.

Judge Abella added that "we define ourselves as others see us. Women are defined as helpers in our society and, therefore, men expect women to take the same position when they are involved in community's institutions."

Hosek said there have been several changes in Jewish communal organizations in recognizing the problems of other minority groups, because women do understand the oppression of others.

Bessin added that "it is extremely important for Jewish women to see themselves relating to major women's organizations."

Reitman said that the advocacy training seminar is part of a longer and broader strategy. "It began three years ago when the law and social action committee of Canadian Jewish Congress decided that women's issues were a priority. A survey of 70 Jewish communal organizations from across the country revealed that there were serious problems and gross inequalities."

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Peters points to harsh Moslem attitudes

Author breaks through Mideast propaganda

By
SOL CHROM

TORONTO —

The truth about the Arab-Jewish conflict in the Middle East has been buried under layers of propaganda, author Jean Peters told an audience recently at the Leah Posluns Theatre during the Toronto Jewish Book Fair.

Peters, touring to promote From Time Immemorial, her 600-page book on the subject, said she became interested in the plight of Arab refugees when she was doing some documentaries on the Yom Kippur War.

"All other refugees had been resettled and absorbed — why were the Arabs still in camps and so abysmally treated?" she asked, adding that her own understanding of the roots of the conflict had changed as a result of her research.

Peters told the audience of more than 400 that many of today's problems stem from the Moslem conquest in the 7th century, and the humiliation and persecution of Jews in the Islamic Arab world.

"Jews became second-class citizens," she said. Most members of the Sephardi majority in Israel "are refugees from the Arab world in 1948 — where the yellow star originated."

The fundamental problem, Peters said, is the Arabs' refusal to accept the idea of a Jewish state. They cannot allow Jews to rule themselves or hold power. She cited a British report from 1839 that described Arabs as indignant at being arrested for harassing and abusing Jews — they felt it was their right.

The first modern use of the term Palestine, she said, was to describe the Jewish national home promised by the British. The origins of the term, however, originated with the desire of the Romans to obscure Jewish ties to the land. The first Palestinian refugees, Peters said, were Jews.

The author pointed out that the term "Palestine" actually included Israel, Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza.

"That's the Palestine mandated by the League of Nations," she said. Before the mandate "there was never an Arab entity or country called Palestine, and there was never an Arab Palestinian identity . . . 'Arab nationalism' was just racial hatred of Jews."

Peters said that in the early 20th century, there were about equal numbers of Jews and Arabs in the Jewish-settled areas of western Palestine (the area west of the Jordan river).

"There was no 'teeming populace' displaced by Jews after sitting there from time immemorial . . . an unknown number of illegal Arab immigrants became 'instant natives,' actually displacing Jews."

She said that the British severely restricted Jewish immigration but looked the other way when numerous Arabs entered the country illegally, taking places and jobs created by Jews for other Jews.

"They wouldn't let Jews in, not even refugees from Hitler," Peters said. "They said they would displace Arabs. They said there was no room or work for the Jews on the boats, but they were importing Arab workers.

"Even the definition of refugee changed — for the Arabs. They only had to be living in Palestine for the years before 1948 to become refugees (according to the United Nations). Then, the definition changed again, and they had been 'living there from time immemorial.'

"History isn't supposed to be able to be revised for political purposes," Peters said. "But that's what we've been treated to in this case."

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"Communities are floundering"

Schools outside Toronto will get more emphasis

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region adopted a recommendation to place greater emphasis on the staffing of schools outside Toronto at its recent monthly meeting.

The recommendation was passed following a report by Ralph Shiff on the 15th annual regional education conference, held recently in Hamilton. Shiff told the meeting "we are desparately in need of teachers and rabbis to help in education. The communities are floundering and will flounder" if no assistance is forthcoming.

For smaller communities to survive, he continued, "Jewish education must be restored to its former status and we need teachers as role models who live what they preach."

A big problem in education outside the major cities is the unwillingness of teachers to relocate, Dr. Yehuda Lipsitz, executive director of CJC Ontario Region, said. "We try to persuade people to go, but at the moment, they're not doing it." He referred to a lack of a Jewish atmosphere and the "salary question" as factors affecting attracting Jewish teacher-rabbis.

During the question period, one Congress representative suggested modernizing Jewish education in smaller centres by preparing cassettes for computers containing basic Jewish instruction at the elementary school level: Hebrew language study, Bible stories, the topography of the siddur and tefillot.

Mitchell Speigel, a Congress representative from Sudbury, rejected arguments that budget considerations should be a factor in providing Jewish education in small communities.

"The question is one of priorities," he stated. "And priorities dictate we must exist. The education committee (of CJC) has to educate those people in this city, even the rabbis, as to their priorities in life. Why are they rabbis if not to go out and teach?"

In a related matter, Didi Urbach, co-chairperson of the community services committee, reported on a small communities conference held in Kitchener.

Issues raised at the conference were post-bar and bat mitzvah teens and the tendency they have to drift away from the Jewish fold, the influences of the home in educating and developing the child and the the growing elderly population.

In other business, Charles Zaionz reported that "In view of the fact Canada is the largest Western contributor of economic aid to Ethiopia, Congress continues to make representations to the government to allow Ethiopian Jews to leave with the blessings of the government."

Approximately 7,500 are now in Israel, he said, about 12,000 are in refugee camps in the Sudan and 8,000 remain in Gondor province in Northwest Ethiopia. The latter are "mostly older people who can't make the treacherous trip through Ethiopia to Sudan." Luckily, he said, the area they live in is not as badly hit by famine as the rest of the country.

Zaionz reported efforts are being made to help those in refugee camps, "but the problems of health, food, religion and lack of infrastructure (roads and trucks to carry supplies) make it impossible to guarantee the survival of those in the camps."

He said $10,000 had been contributed by CJC to Ethiopian Famine Relief, a general relief fund.

Fredelle Brief, staff associate with Congress, said anyone interested in obtaining a fact sheet detailing the situation of Ethiopian Jews and wishing to get involved in various projects on their behalf, such as donating clothing, can contact her at 635-2883.

In other business, Wendy Litwack, vice-chairperson of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, told the meeting "Jews and non-Jews are being alerted to put pressure on the Soviet government" as a response to a recent crackdown on Refuseniks engaged in teaching Jewish culture.

A solidarity hunger fast at Queen's Park, sponsored in part by The Toronto Group of 35 — Womens' Committee for Soviet Jewry, is planned for Dec. 10, the anniversary of the signing of The International Declaration of Human Rights.

Also on that day, Willowdale MP John Oostrom will launch a solidarity protest in support of Soviet Hebrew teachers at the National Council of Jewish Women's Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

The Group of 35 is also asking rabbis to consider Dec. 8 a Human Rights Day Shabbat and ask their congregations to send cables expressing "our outrage" to the Soviet ambassador in Ottawa, Litwack said.

In other business, Nathan Leipciger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, said "the Ontario government has provided us with a grant of $30,000" towards the Canadian Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, scheduled for April, 1985 in Ottawa. Efforts are being taken to obtain a federal grant as well, he said.

On another matter, Detective-Sergeant Robert Pegg of Project H, the joint provincial and municipal police task force investigating hate literature, told the meeting that publicly naming outlets as selling hate propaganda before informing the police "ties our hands."

Afterwards it is difficult for police to purchase the material and experience shows vendors withdraw the books from their shelves or claim they didn't know it was hate propaganda. That makes it "impossible to make a case," he said.

Queen's Park fast to show solidarity with Soviet Jews

TORONTO — **The Group of 35 Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry will hold a hunger fast at the Ontario Legislature on Human Rights Day, Monday, Dec. 10.**

The demonstration is one of the activities planned to show solidarity with 200 Jews in the Soviet Union who are staging rotating hunger strikes in support of nine Hebrew teachers in prison in the USSR.

At Queen's Park, the program will begin at 1 p.m. with an address by Canon Borden Purcell, chairman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

The co-chairmen of the all-party Ontario Legislature committee for Soviet Jewry, MPPs David Rotenberg, Robert Nixon and Marion Bryden, will also speak at the rally, which is co-sponsored by the Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Members of the Legislature will be invited to sign a statement of protest to be sent to the Soviet ambassador.

At 1 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., Willowdale MP John Oostrom will launch a solidarity campaign sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women to send postcards and letters of support to hunger strikers.

Rabbis have been asked to declare Dec. 8 Human Rights Day Shabbat and to ask their congregations to send telegrams to the Soviet ambassador.

Other groups which have declared their support include Toronto's Hebrew teachers and the Committee of Concerned Academics for Soviet Jewry.

Network Canada to hold convention in Montreal

TORONTO — Network Canada, the umbrella organization of Jewish student and young adult groups across the country, is holding its national convention Dec. 26-30 at Hotel du Parc in downtown Montreal. The organization says the convention "is the most important and exciting event of the year" on its calendar.

The convention will bring together close to 300 young people "to meet, interact, and share everyday Jewish experiences." Speakers will lead seminars and hold discussions on such topics as leadership training, anti-semitism, world Jewry, and other contemporary Jewish issues.

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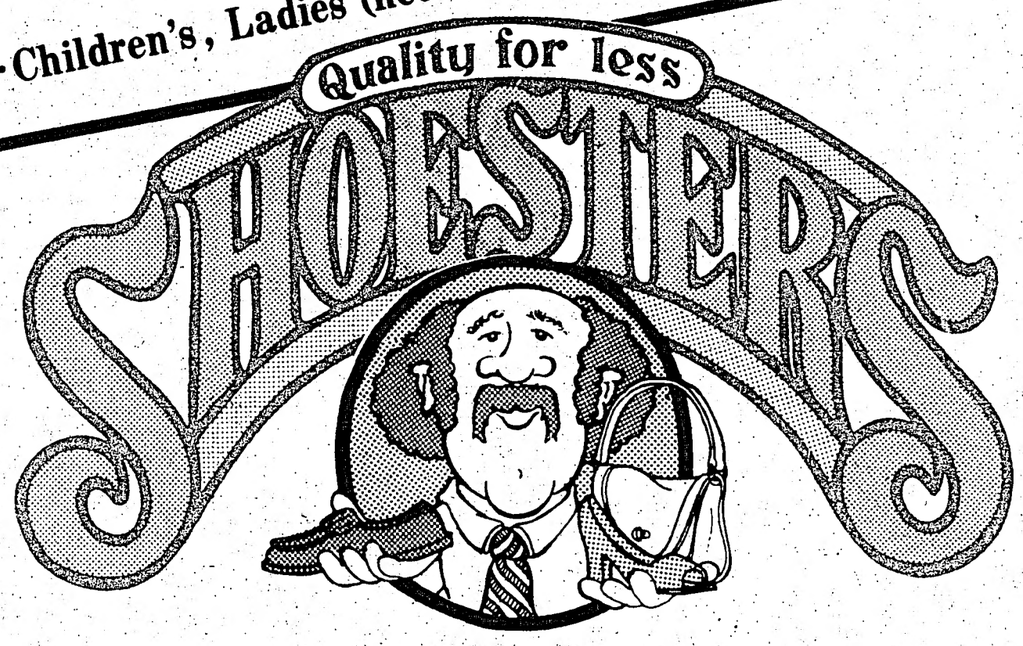

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Stresses need for dialogue with Jews

Catholic official wants Church views to change

By
SOL CHROM

TORONTO —
The relationship between Jews and Christians has come a long way, but it still has a long way to go, says Dr. Eugene Fisher.

Fisher, executive secretary for Catholic-Jewish relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, was giving this year's Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Lecture at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The title of the lecture: "Faith Without Prejudice: Rebuilding Christian Attitudes Toward Judaism."

Early Christian attitudes towards the Jews became very bitter because of the Jews' refusal to accept Jesus as the savior, Fisher said. Christians argued that the fall of the Temple was proof that their faith was supplanting Judaism, and that God was angry with the Jews.

It was with the Gospel according to John that the idea of the Jews being responsible for Christ's death originated, Fisher said. Pilate was a sadistic ruler who lined the roads with crucifixion victims, but he was "whitewashed" by John and Matthew, who blamed it all on the Jews.

By the time of the Crusades, Fisher said, "killing the infidels" became God's will.

"There was a theology of contempt for Jews," he said. "It is still there in the Passion Play of Oberammergau, for instance."

Fisher traced the history of repression, hatred, blood libels and ghettos through the centuries, and said that by the 20th century, "the continent was pretty much prepared to go along with genocide.

"After the Holocaust, Christian thinking toward Jews had to change."

The founding of the State of Israel negated the Temple argument, Fisher said, and the response, at the Second Vatican Council, was to recognize the need for dialogue, and accept the idea that Jews were not responsible for killing Jesus.

"God's covenant with Israel must be an ongoing thing . . . 'Jews are God's people' is a statement all Christians have to accept," he said.

"There is no other religion with which Christianity has as much of a spiritual bond — over the centuries, they've done as much as they can to break it."

In the question period, Fisher admitted that he did not think Vatican II had gone far enough in rectifying the portrayal of the Jews by some New Testament scholars.

"But I disagree with the statement that nothing significant has been done . . . I look at the glass as half full rather than half empty."

In response to a question about Christian treatment of Jews over the years, Fisher stressed the need for further dialogue.

"I'm not one who can articulate Jewish pain," he said. "We have to acknowledge and accept it. . . .

"Jews are being asked to give their trust to a Christian community which hasn't earned it. I don't think the Jewish community is ready . . . it's taken two thousand years just to work the mess this deep. So if I were Jewish, I wouldn't trust me — a little part of me would always have bags packed ready to take off to Israel.

"I would expect Jews to come to a dialogue with a large salt shaker, ready to test every word. One-third of a people doesn't disappear and then just say 'no problem' regarding dialogue one generation later."

In appreciation, Rabbi Erwin Schild of the Adath Israel Congregation praised Fisher's "honesty, warmth, and sincerity," and said he hoped that attitudes such as Fisher's would "percolate down to the level of the pew in every church."

Dr. Eugene Fisher

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Present at opening of photo-documentary exhibit on Libya were (left to right) H. Mark Cohen, Reuven Meir, Geva Avinoam, Dr. Maurice Roumani, Ayala Zacks Abramov and Rose Wolfe.

Extinct community in exhibit

Israeli recalls Libyan life

TORONTO —

The unique and ancient traditions of Libyan Jewry live on in Israel, says Libyan-born Dr. Maurice Roumani, a political scientist who heads the Sephardi studies department at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

"Some 100,000 Libyan Jews now call Israel home and are carefully preserving the special observances" developed during the centuries of Jewish life in the North African country, Roumani told an audience of 200 at the opening reception for Libya: An Extinct Jewish Community, a comprehensive photo-documentary exhibit at First Canadian Place (York St. entrance near the TSE).

Roumani was speaking to members and guests of the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv. Beth Hatefutsoth prepared the exhibition which consists of more than 100 photographs from the Libyan Jewish community and dating from the turn of the century to 1948.

Roumani, now 42, had fond memories of his childhood and adolescence in Benghazi. He said all of his experience there centred around a completely Jewish life with every holiday and family observance a source of excitement and fulfilment.

Sadly, he said, there are no more than half a dozen Jews left in Libya.

Special group visits to the exhibit can be arranged by calling Lester Sugarman at 483-4250. The exhibit is open daily including weekends and evenings until Dec. 15. Sugarman will also arrange showings of The Jewish Experience, a color slide presentation illuminating 2,500 years of Jewish history.

Move boosts Akim

TORONTO —

The Canadian Friends of Akim, the Israel Association for the Rehabilitation of the Mentally Handicapped, recently received a needed boost to build a group hostel in Rehovot, when it was reinstated as a tax exempt, non profit organization in Canada.

Olga Eisen, founder of Canadian Friends, told The CJN that the group's new status will help Canadian Friends secure greater and additional contributions.

She said that construction of the facility will commence once the necessary funds come in. To date, she said, $180,000 of the needed $400,000 has been raised.

Once the hostel is complete, Eisen said, it will offer programs for mentally handicapped adults and children.

"Living an independent life is something most people take for granted, but for mentally handicapped adults, the chance to take a step towards greater independence is, indeed, a significant challenge," Tova Riebenfeld, Akim's director of international relations, said in a press release.

Contributions for the group hostel can be forwarded to Canadian Friends of Akim, 122 Carlton Blvd., Willowdale. M2R 2J1.

Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu

Rabbi's visit planned

TORONTO —

Mordechai Eliyahu, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, will be the guest of honor at a dinner being held at the Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla, 20 Danby Ave., on Dec. 12 at 7.30 p.m.

The dinner is sponsored by the Ontario Sephardic Association.

The following day, Dec. 13, Rabbi Eliyahu will address the Jewish community at a wine and cheese reception at the Jewish Community Centre at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

The reception will begin at 7.30 p.m. in the 4th floor conference centre. It is sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress, the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, and the Ontario Sephardic Association.

Diamond industry gets shot in arm

RAMAT GAN —

The lowering of the value of the shekel and freeze on local prices in the Israeli government's economic austerity program is said to be making the diamond industry here increasingly competitive.

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"Functional" to "funky, crazy pieces"

Youthful potters' works reflect their personalities

Robyn Rypp, left, and Jan Koven stand behind their products--pottery of all shapes, styles and sizes. [Graphic Artists photo]

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It may be a good idea for partners to have a lot in common, but Robyn Rypp and Jan Koven are thankful they're quite different.

Robyn and Jan are the proprietors of Clayworks, a studio and showroom where the two youthful craftsmen work rich, moist clay into a variety of functional and decorative pieces.

As business partners and craftsmen, Robyn and Jan complement each other's styles and give their customers a little extra variety from which to choose.

Their handmade mugs, casserole dishes, vases, bowls, teapots, accent pieces and serving trays range from the simple and functional to the delicate and decorative. And people who come into their Mirvish Village location (608A Markham St., phone 535-5980) can order custom-made pieces and dinner settings to their own specifications.

The varied styles they work in reflect their own personalities, they admit. "My work is fashioned after my lifestyle," Jan says matter-of-factly. "If it can't withstand daily use, I don't make it."

"It has the look of country pottery," she adds. "It's very functional and can go from the oven to the table. It's strong, not delicate."

"My work is highly painterly," Robyn chimes in. "All my forms are fairly traditional, though I also do wild, funky, crazy pieces."

One writer even went so far as to call her work "precise, pristine, perfectly-proportioned porcelain pots," and it's clear even to the laymen that Robyn's fine touch crafts and paints the white clay with a delicate subtlety.

Jan is a self-taught potter. "I always thought it was magic as a child. I still think so, except my back is a lot sorer."

Thrown together by fate

For Robyn, being a potter is an ambition she's had ever since high school. She attended the school of art at the University of Manitoba in her hometown of Winnipeg and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Honors.

She moved to Toronto about three years ago and met Jan soon afterwards at the old Spiral Pottery studio. "We were thrown together by fate," Jan smiles.

For the two young women, Clayworks allows them to make their dreams reality — working in their own studio, throwing and firing the wet clay into a variety of expressive shapes and styles, and making a living doing it.

At Clayworks, Jan and Robyn say they've found the ideal studio.

They really wanted the location, says Robyn, but at first they weren't sure they'd get it. After summoning up the chutzpah and talking to (Honest) Ed Mirvish himself — "he sounded just like a father," Robyn exclaims — they got him to agree to rent the premises to them.

"That was the weekend he bought the Old Vic," Robyn recalls. "Now my father goes around and says Honest Ed made two big deals that weekend."

Business at their Markham St. location has been brisk, and their work can also be found at Ardith One and at A Show of Hands. Some of Robyn's work is on display at the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art as well.

Both have been involved at the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's annual art exhibition, and Robyn has a collection of decorative pieces on display at the Holy Blossom Temple until Jan. 7.

For both of them, there's plenty to look forward to. Robyn is getting married to another Winnipegger, Arnie Usiskin, in June, while Jan is expecting her first baby in about three months.

With that news, an open house they just held and a brisk business, there's plenty to be excited about for the two young craftsmen.

Powerful drama explores hypocrisy of police state

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's too bad that Prague, the superb new drama by John Krizanc, will complete its short run at the Tarragon Theatre on Dec. 16. The play deserves a far bigger audience than that.

Krizanc is the brilliant, prize-winning young playright in his 20s, who for the past 11 years has been working as the book buyer at Toronto's Book Cellar. He finally achieved a major breakthrough recently, when CITY-TV producer Moses Znaimer arranged to have Krizanc's highly original fantasy play, Tamara, staged in Los Angeles, where it continues to enjoy a successful run.

Prague is equally innovative. It might be described as a black comedy dealing with the conflict between stage clowns and political commisars in contemporary Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia.

Yet that summation is too superficial.

On a more profound level, it explores with ironic symbolism and mordant wit the hypocrisy and betrayal that prevail in a police state.

The action is set backstage of the Bread-and-Dreams Theatre, a troupe of comic mimes in Prague who are beset by the censors in power, and the plot cleverly juggles with bitter humor the value of illusion and reality.

The crackling dialogue bears the stamp of a consummate professional, and Krizanc's insight into the Communist world of doublecross and triplecross rationalized by self-delusion reminds one of Arthur Koestler's Darkness At Noon.

Richard Rose has directed the proceedings imaginatively, and the cast is marvellous — especially Tanja Jacobs as a wisecracking clown, Richard McMillan as an alcoholic magician, Rod Beattie as a corrupt playwright-theatre director, and Nancy Beatty as his pathetic pregnant wife.

Tarragon, which has been one of Toronto's leading experimental theatre companies for 14 years, deserves to take a bow for mounting this powerfully stimulating drama.

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Arts

British officer's collection returns

Exhibit at Kleinburg showcases Canadian Indian art

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Patterns of Power, at the McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg until Jan. 6, brings together Great Lakes Indian art of the early 19th century with the Jasper Grant Collection of similar pieces from the National Museum of Ireland, in the gallery's first international exhibition.

The display has been curated by Ruth Phillips, an assistant professor of art history at Ottawa's Carleton University, who also researches Indian art and has done considerable fieldwork on Manitoulin Island. She is an associate curator at McMichael.

Who was Jasper Grant, and how did Indian art from North America find its way to a museum in Ireland?

An Anglo-Irish officer with the British army, Grant served in Canada from 1799 to 1809, preceding the war of 1812. Like many soldiers, he was curious about the Indians and assembled samples of their handiwork, such things as medicine bags, peace pipes, decorated clothing.

Unlike the others however, he methodically documented each item, providing a clear record which makes it possible to study other Great Lakes art of the time against a precise historical background. His correspondence also remains.

Dr. Phillips says: "As I was reading his letters, I came to know and like him very much. He was a decent man, really concerned about his wife and children." She notes his sincere interest in the Indian culture. "He had a tolerance which was unusual for that time."

When Grant returned home to Ireland, he took his "tourist" acquisitions with him. The collection remained in the family after his death until his grandson offered it to the country's National Museum in 1902.

Now it has been temporarily returned to Canada to be seen in conjunction with locally-held material of the period, gathered from the same general Great Lakes area.

Patterns of Power, explains Phillips, refers to the Upper and Lower World beings whom the Indians believed controlled their lives.

The artifacts in the exhibition — clothing, weapons, household tools, ceremonial objects — are frequently decorated with stylized spiritual forms which reflect this belief. Often the ornamentation pays allegiance to personal guardian spirits.

Phillips holds up a pair of deerskin mocassins to show the meticulous pattern of brilliant red thunderbirds, Upper World beings, encircling the cuffs. She wears white gloves as she gently removes the soft foot wear from acid-free tissue, and points out the painstakingly quilled trim, continuing even across the back seam.

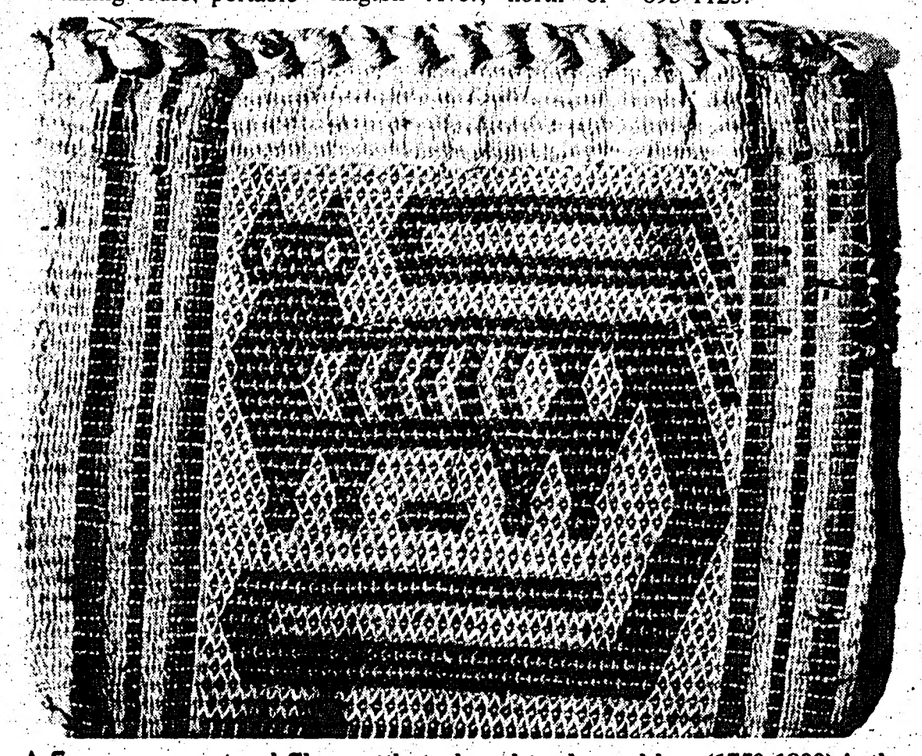
This young Jewish woman, originally from New York, reveals not only a scholarly interest, but a respect and caring for the people who produced such fine work.

There are more than 90 pieces on view. Selected to give a comprehensive view of a people and a time, they offer an insight into a proud and sensitive civilization.

An audio-cassette tour designed especially for the Patterns of Power exhibition will offer a wealth of information.

Talking tours, portable cassette players and tapes are available for a nominal fee.

The McMichael Canadian Collection is on Islington Ave., north of Major Mackenzie Dr. Hours, Nov. 1 through April 30, are 11.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; phone (416) 893-1123.



A fingerwoven natural fibre nettlestock and trade wool bag (1750-1800) is the container for a medicine bundle of magical objects. It is decorated with a composite pantherlike mythological being whipping its long tail through the water and regarded as the most powerful Great Lakes Underworld spirit.

Role of Friedele makes actress appreciate city

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Elyssa Livergant plays little Friedele, the only Jewish girl in a Saskatchewan town, in Raisins and Almonds, but she wouldn't trade places with her in real life.

"It would be hard. I don't think I would like it being the only Jewish family in a place," 11-year-old Elyssa said. "During the Depression it would be really hard. I would rather live here in a well-established city. The prairies would be a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

Romaine.

She's just a little bit taller than a pixie, and when it comes, her smile is a most disarming one.

Elyssa is a practical girl, too, for she did a book report for her grade 7 class at Forest Hill public school on Raisins and Almonds which she was reading in preparation for rehearsals. "I recommended it highly," she said, "but I said some words were hard to understand and it would not be suitable for anyone younger than me."

She's never attended any acting classes, except for about a month, when she was younger, given by members of the Polka Dot Door troupe.

Her show business career hasn't interfered with her school work and she likes all her subjects with the one reservation that in science she doesn't like to copy things off the board. But she likes the experiments.

Elyssa has one brother, Bradley, 9, and a sister, Susan, who is a doctor, married to a doctor, living in Ottawa.

Elyssa Livergant

She is one of the three leads in the musical adaptation of the book by Fredelle Bruser Maynard which opened at the Leah Posluns Theatre last week and runs to Dec. 22.

Elyssa, who has already appeared in Annie and Gypsy, is the daughter of Linda and Harold Livergant, and the granddaughter of Anne Silverman, and the late Dave Silverman.

If she wanted another source about life for isolated Jewish families out West, she didn't have to leave home, for her father, Harold, head of Extendicare, was raised in Plunkett, Sask. Elyssa's aunt Ruby is a friend of author Maynard.

Elyssa is engagingly frank about he ambition to be an actress and quite aware of the hard work ahead. She said she she's had a lot of encouragement from mother, valuable help from her singing coach, Sharon Friendly, and dance training from Roland and

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Book indicts media for coverage of Lebanon war

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

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Starting with the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Israel's stature and status underwent rapid decline in the American media.

A variety of factors were responsible: the growing influence of Arab economic power, liberal and left-wing sentiment in favor of a Palestinian homeland, the widespread notion that the Arab case had not been adequately or fairly presented, the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor and the invasion of Lebanon.

"Once it became popular to 'reevaluate' Israel, many reporters and editors with little or no ideological bent found the opportunity to debunk some "myths" about the Jewish state to be irresistible. In doing so, they responded to one of the oldest impulses of their profession — the need for novelty. Arabs biting Jews had long since ceased to be news; but Jews biting Arabs — that was a story."

The War in Lebanon resulted in a devastatingly bad press for Israel. Suddenly it became the best publicized "little war" in history. Millions of words were written and miles of television footage shown. This publicity about Lebanon contrasted sharply with other events in the area that went virtually unnoticed. These included the carnage in the Persian Gulf War, the decade-long civil war in Lebanon, and the destruction by President Assad of Syria of the city of Hama in what was "one of the biggest mass murders in the history of the modern Arab world."

The first Israeli war ever fought without a domestic consensus, Operation Peace for Galilee, became a source of bitter conflict both within and outside the country. Foolishly, Israel allowed American television to send its reports from Beirut via its satellite facilities. The resultant censorship led to unprincipled and unbalanced attacks by the three U.S. networks which insisted that Israel present PLO propaganda without interference. Moreover, the reluctance of Menachem Begin to speak out on the war, the widespread criticism from within the country and the protracted shelling of Beirut created a stupendous public relations problem.

Imported journalists who couldn't tell the Druze from Druids engaged in a frenzy of hysterical and exaggerated reporting. Absurd casualty figures that bore little relation to reality were widely promulgated. The picture of a Lebanese baby girl received blanket coverge. It carried a caption that her arms had been blown off in an Israel attack. President Reagan placed it on his desk as a symbol of the war. It turned out that the victim was a boy who had not lost any limbs but was nursing a broken arm.

The author, a native of Wisconsin, emigrated to Israel in 1967 and, in time, became director of the government press office. His absorbing and wide-ranging account of how the press distorted American's view of the Middle East contains information on such Arab news management techniques as threats, kidnaping and assassination. He reveals how an influential anti-Israel Grand Coalition gradually developed which included the radically chic (Jesse Jackson, Vanessa Redgrave and Alexander Cockburn) and the reactionary right (Jesse Helms, Mobil Oil and Spiro T. Agnew).

The author concludes on a note of optimism. The ignominious defeat of the PLO in Lebanon, its 1983 rejection of the Reagan Plan and refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist, and the decline in Arab petro-power makes Israel less vulnerable as a media target. "In any event, Central America was rapidly becoming the fashionable issue for the 1980s, and it began to attract much of the attention that the media's Third World enthusiasts had lavished on the PLO during the previous decade."

The media is a powerful weapon. This book is a hard-hitting, fact-finding indictment of how it can warp and distort information and the subtle, invisible influences that shape the news we read and see.

Director Michaelson challenges audiences

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Jon Michaelson, the Jewish director of Mercury Theatre, raised many an eyebrow when he brought Agnes of God, the Broadway hit, to the Bathurst St. Theatre where it runs until mid-December.

His company is one of the smaller ones in Toronto and only receives 5% of its funding from federal or municipal grants. But that didn't stop the young director from beating the rest of the pack in snaring the John Pielmeier play, about a nun charged with murdering her baby, for its Toronto premiere.

"Toronto is a theatre capital and we shouldn't have to wait for the best plays," the former Montreal resident said. "I wanted to do it and it meant going to New York. But I believe in reaching a bit further and you'd be surprised at what can be done without a lot of money."

Last season Michaelson also scored a coup, bringing the play Lee Harvey Oswald, starring Amanda Plummer, to Toronto.

For Agnes of God, he secured Stratford Festival star Roberta Maxwell to play the lead, a role which won a Tony for Amanda Plummer for her performance as the conscience-stricken psychiatrist in the play's 2-year Broadway run.

Michaelson, who started his career as an actor at Saidye Bronfman Theatre in Montreal, has a solid track record since establishing Mercury Theatre in Toronto three years ago. He has staged Toronto premieres of People Are Living There by Athol Fugard and Seascape by Edward Albee.

Plays which challenge an audience and have an excitement of their own are his specialty, witness The Faith Healer by Brian Friel and Hitting Town by Stephen Poliakoff. His

Jon Michaelson

production of Talking With by Jane Martin, a play about the lives of five women, was one of this year's surprise hits.

As part of the Mercury's first subscription series, he plans to do The Messiah early next year. Written by Martin Sherman, author of Bent, the play is set in a Polish town in 1665 and deals with the life of the man who said he was the messiah of the Jewish people. A New York production will open soon.

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Fool for Love, the Sam Shepard play which runs at Toronto Free Theatre until Dec. 23, is a 1-act 90 minute play which builds relentlessly and provides outstanding performances by its four-member cast, Brent Carver, Jennifer Dale, Richard Donat and Frank Adamson. It is directed by Michele George.

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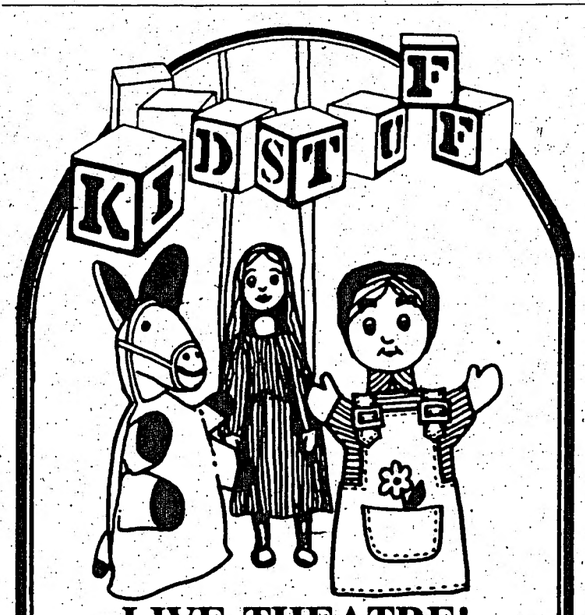

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Arts

Beth Tzedec's Kowarsky will host

Fine voices to thrill at Council of Hazzanim concert

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

The annual December Toronto Council of Hazzanim concert, featuring all the major synagogue cantors of this city, some of whom rank among the foremost in the world, will take place Dec. 12 at Beth Tzedec at 8 p.m. The concert is presented in association with the Reena Foundation.

The participating cantors include Paul H. Kowarsky, who in his capacity as cantor of Beth Tzedec will serve as host. Born in South Africa, Kowarsky has a beautiful spinto tenor. His natural flowing coloratura and exciting improvisational talents are world-renowned. He will perform as a soloist and with mixed voice choir conducted by Gordon Kushner.

David Bagley, returned to Beth Sholom after recent stints in Montreal and South Africa, is regarded as the foremost exponent of the traditional cantorial style.

Polish-born Louis Danto's lyric bel canto style and considerable opera-in-concert recital experience on all the great stages have propelled him to international acclaim. Last September he sang for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip here in Toronto.

Israeli-born Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom is a foremost scholar of Jewish musicology.

Also participating will be New York-born Adath Israel Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, Paris-born Hesh Mayersdorf, Israeli-born Ephraim Sapir, performing both as soloist and with mixed-voice choir led by Srul Irving Glick, and, exemplifying modern reform traditions, Temple Emanu-El's Thomas Schwartz.

The program was drafted before my Oct. 25 column advocating Sephardic representation in such events, but Cantor Kirshblum assured me that in future events of this kind, there will be a definitive Sephardic presence.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Reena Foundation and to the Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund, whose specific projects include providing scholarships to Canadian students, commissioning new music, publishing manuscripts, and the maintenance and development of the Jewish Music Room, open to the public, at the Jewish Public Library. Further info: 781-3511.

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Early Hebrew art music from the 12th to 18th century will be presented at a concert following the Shabbat service at Holy Blossom Dec. 14, featuring Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner and a harpsichord-string ensemble conducted by master classical keyboardist Douglas Bodle.

Art and folk music co-existed in nearly all strata of synagogue music from early ages. Already in talmudic times and later in the 10th century, music played a vital role in the service.

From the manuscripts found in the Geniza (Alexandria) of the 12th century, noted by Obadiah the proselyte, until the later part of the 18th century, we witness the growth and development of Jewish art music in the communities of the Italian ghettos of Venice and Sienna, also Amsterdam and the south of France. A rich repertoire testifies to the creativity and cultural significance of these Jewish communities.

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The best Israel Chassidic Song Festival (now World Chassidic Songfest) to come to Toronto since 1976 thrilled a packed Adath Israel audience on Nov. 24.

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First prize was the slow harmonious Barchi Nafshi, but the real crowd-pleaser was the fast 3rd place winner, Ata Echad, performed by Barak Galil. There was also a new Hallelujah, sung in a lively-chic manner by Orna Cohen, and a new Sh'ma Israel.

Together with veteran clarinetist Yigal Klaus' fast klezmer renditions and a stunning Yemenite medley rendition by Ofira Yossefi, it was a great show.

Cantors in Concert, top row, from left, Paul Kowarsky, Beth Tzedec, David Bagley, Beth Sholom, Severin Weingort, Temple Sinai, Efraim Sapir, Beth Tikvah, Benjamin Maissner, Holy Blossom. Bottom row, from left, Hesh Mayersdorf, Beth David, Louis Danto, Beth Emeth, Eliezer Kirshblum, Adath Israel and Thomas Schwartz, Temple Emanu-el.

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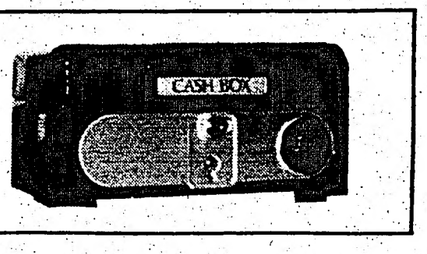

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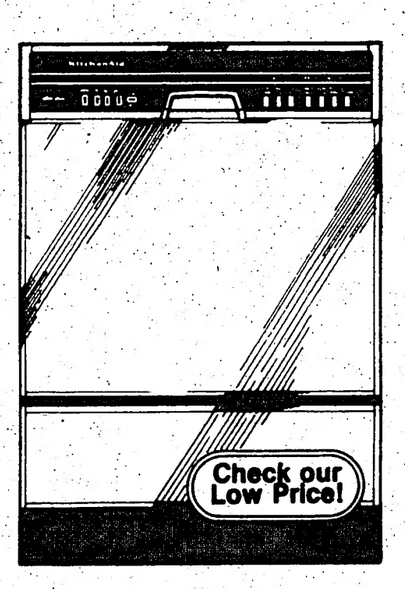

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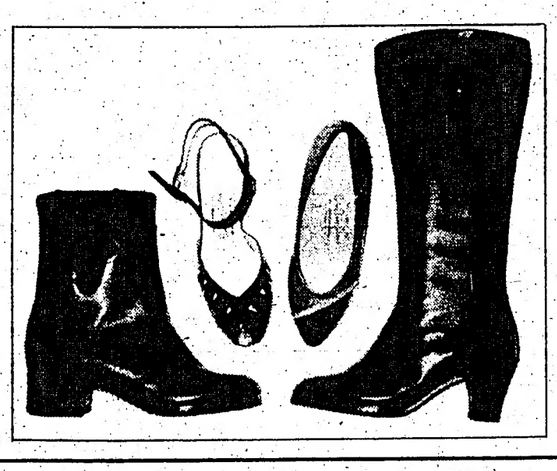
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Ironies, humor fill new novel

Author Stein proves love no stranger to the elderly

By
STEVEN YUDIN

TORONTO —
David Lewis Stein's latest and, in the author's own opinion, best work of fiction is a thoroughly engrossing and enjoyable novel, actually an aggregate of short profiles on some very troubled individuals.

Presenting his book The Golden Age Hotel to the Jewish Book Fair recently as a "love story for grownups," Stein, who is The Toronto Star's urban affairs columnist, cited his book's main theme — that love is no stranger to the elderly, as the occupants of the hotel well demonstrate.

Although he said that is the lone theme of the book, as well as denying any major writer's influence on his work, it's evident that other, perhaps incidental, subjects emerge in a style reminiscent of other stories of the school of realism.

His characters, each with his or her unique flaw or dilemma, try to sort out their situations in the twilight of their lives. Each has a decision to make in choosing which direction to take — and amidst the despair they feel, these golden agers choose the optimistic route, sometimes against all odds.

Stein shows how important life can be to an octogenarian, as he rejects an easy escape from his son's family problems to share the burden; or how the love for a grief-stricken, and at times insane, heiress pushes an old, crippled sailor to refuse to relinquish the hope of having her.

All the characters hold the reader's interest for their eccentricities, but also for their ability to be both realistic and philosophical. Through each crisis, the characters seem to realize their limits while sticking to their youthful ideals.

Stein's literary style — a simple, honest narration with succinct dialogue — helps to convey the author's ideas at a brisk pace, though it can serve to hamper the book's purpose if read too quickly. Many passages may appear ingenuous or melodramatic if one fails to savor the ironies and the humor of the book.

It's no accident that the novel succeeds in depicting its characters rather than developing any central plot. Stein has written the book that his late mother "always wanted to write herself." His mother ran senior citizen hotels in New York and left tapes and transcripts from that business experience from which The Golden Age Hotel's characters are loosley based.

Stein's characters are Jewish, and this reflects the author's own choice to live as a Jew despite an irreligious upbringing. As a youth, he attempted to emulate his Gentile neighbors in working-class Toronto, attending Sunday School and desiring to celebrate Christmas until he realized he was a "permanent outsider, accepted by a few," but as a rule, rejected.

"That shapes you as a writer; you participate in the world, but never quite belong to it," he said.

When his family moved to the Forest Hill area, he felt alienated in the protective atmosphere that threatened to choke his rebellious nature. At university, he wrote little about being a Jew, but adopted his mother's family's penchant for left wing politics in embracing pacifism, eventually writing a book on the subject in England.

Stein married a Christian girl and "tried to raise my kids in both religions," letting them choose which one to follow. His wife later studied with a guru in BC, further complicating a domestic situation which Stein humorously conveyed to his Book Fair audience.

"I started off by believing that writing was enough of a spiritual act that I didn't need anything else. But that's not true," he said. Embracing God is natural, since "an ethical way of life (inevitably) leads to that."

However, the author still does not "feel anymore alien in a church than in a synagogue."

One can rest assured however, that his present involvement in the Jewish community and religious practice will influence the content of his future writings.

David Lewis Stein

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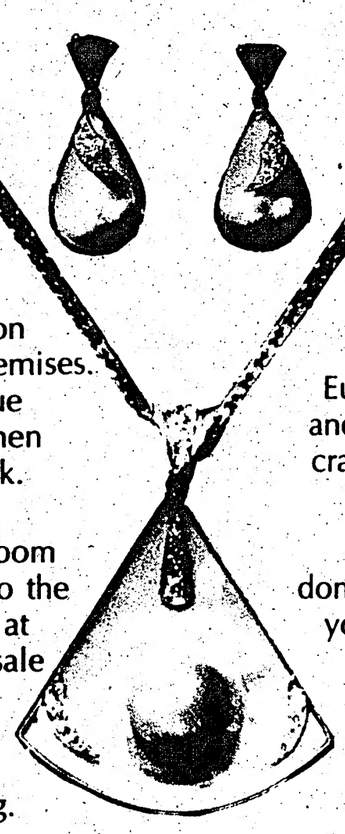

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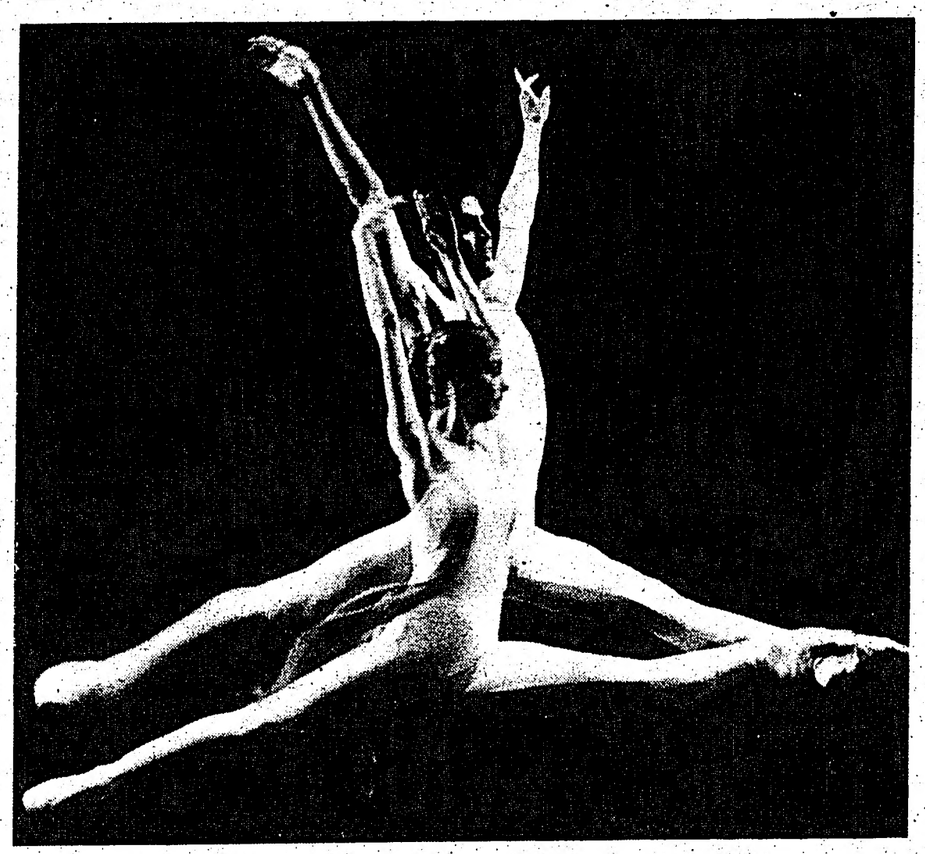

Kim Lightheart and Rex Harrington in The National Ballet of Canada production of Components.

Combination wins for National Ballet

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

"Have some Madeira, m'dear," the old roue croons seductively to a sweet young thing in the Flanders and Swann song.

The Madeira at the National Ballet of Canada isn't being served during intermission. It's right up on stage, in the sweet silliness of La Sylphide, that epitome of 19th century Romantic ballet.

The prospect of watching Frank Augustyn in kilts, following an ethereal Veronica Tennant or Cynthia Gregory deeper and deeper into a thicket of tragic love was the bonbon used to draw audiences to the final week of the Ballet's fall season.

But what was really happening was that they were being lured into the 20th century.

Before being transported to a Scotland that never was, they were presented with a glittering futuristic ballet created for the National in 1984 by John McFall, one of the younger generation of American choreographers.

In Components, set to a hypnotic, spiraling score — Shaker Loops — by American John Adams (still in his 30s) and mounted against a shimmering abstract metallic set by internationally-known designer Rouben Ter-Artounian, the 27 dancers moved around, towards and against each other in patterns that were sometimes angular, sometimes lyrical.

At the end, male and female dancers joined in couples in an emotionally satisfying echo of the biblical verse "male and female created He them."

Principal dancer Yoko Ichino, flashing through the ensemble like a spark of lightning, once again demonstrated why, after only 1½ years with the National, she is no longer a rising star. She has arrived in the first rank.

The combination of ballet as it is traditionally thought of — white tutus and flashing arms — and as it really is now — body suits and athletic sleekness — coupled with a first-ever public subscription drive, seems to be working for the National.

With a guaranteed subscription base of 13,300 (54% of the house) to build on, overall attendance was up 20% overall for the 3-week fall season.

But Toronto's tastes are still clear. Coppelia, the last and greatest of romantic ballets, which was performed the first week, was almost sold out.

The Components/La Sylphide combination did well at 79% capacity, and the tribute to the late George Balanchine, the Russian-born choreographer who created the New York City Ballet shortly after World War II as a performing company dedicated to his works, had a respectable 72% attendance.

Even in Coppelia, artistic director Erik Bruhn insisted on a modern approach to the story, if not to the dance.

The psychological overtones he built into the role of Dr. Coppelius, creator of the doll that comes to life — a role he danced on opening night — turned a 19th century stereotype into a 20th century archetype.

The Madeira slips down easily.

But unlike the young lady in the song, audiences on the way home from the fall season's performances of the National Ballet of Canada need have no regrets about growing up.

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Video games for Kenny Rogers

Eccentricities of stars keep Vegas hotels hopping

By
LEN BUTCHER

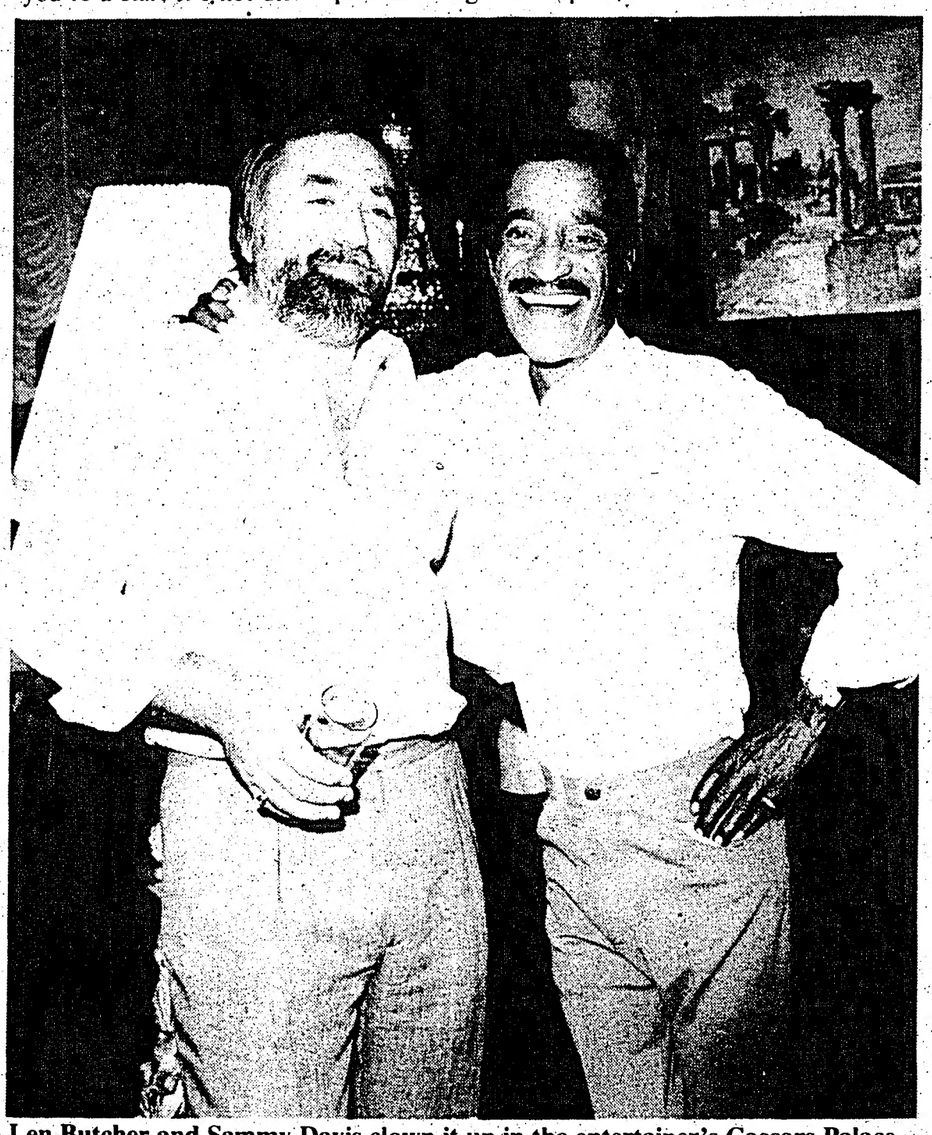
LAS VEGAS —

Everyone likes to get what they want and when you're a star, it's not difficult to achieve that goal even though it can be an entertainment director's nightmare.

Though most of the demands by stars who frequent Las Vegas are kept a secret, Walter Kane, entertainment director for the Summa Corporation, whose hotels include the Desert Inn and Frontier, says that "they're in a different world. It's sometimes no easy task to keep them happy, though most of them are great people to work with."

Kenny Rogers, for example, is a Space Invaders fan and asks for a video game to be installed in his suite to save him from losing a fortune in the hotel's arcade.

Canadian singer Anne Murray always demands her room be equipped with an exercise bike so she can keep herself both occupied and in shape.



Len Butcher and Sammy Davis clown it up in the entertainer's Caesars Palace suite while waiting for Davis' famous chili to be served.

Singer wants his tuna salad

As do most of us, entertainers need transportation and a place to live. Although many like living in the hotel where they perform, there are those who ask for a house and car. Kane says they all start by asking for a Rolls Royce, then work their way down.

One lovely lady who certainly deserves a Rolls Royce, prefers the simple life. No Rolls Royce for Shirley MacLaine. In fact, MacLaine will not even sit behind the wheel of a Cadillac, preferring to get around in a Ford or Chevrolet.

Of course you can't forget the other basics of life — food and drink — and many of the stars demand their favorites.

When country singing star Waylon Jennings performs, hotel staff go "nuts" trying to keep him supplied with pistachios. He also craves tuna salad as long as it's made from his own recipe of one can of tuna, diced apples, pickles and a small amount of mayonnaise.

Jennings also specifically requests that his sandwiches be left unprepared so that the bread doesn't become soggy.

Sammy Davis Jr., a gourmet in his own right, had a fully equipped kitchen installed in his suite at Caesars Palace so that he could whip up his favorite dishes.

It's not uncommon for Sammy to invite a dozen or more friends over for a chili dinner at 2 in the morning after he's finished his last show. And he cooks it.

Johnny Carson's sidekick, Ed McMahon, a seafood lover, likes to have a big tray of fish delivered to his room, while comedian George Carlin passes up gourmet food for cheeseburgers.

As for favorite beverages, Debbie Reynolds likes Piesporter wine, while funnyman Don Rickles prefers scotch. Marie and Donny Osmond satisfy their thirsts by ordering gallons of Gatorade and orange juice.

But they're not the only ones who shy away from alcoholic beverages. Comedian David Brenner drinks only fruit juices and Pepsi Cola and singer Robert Goulet, who once suffered from a drinking problem, sticks with cranberry juice.

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Travel

Bed races on Ottawa's Rideau Canal

Canada's winter festivals help you forget the cold

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Not everyone heads south for warm weather in the winter. There's plenty to do in Canada!

Staid Ottawa becomes fun-filled Ottawa during Winterlude 85, the first 10 days of February. There will be some 90 activities from skating for miles along the frozen Rideau Canal to ski marathons.

You have to see it to believe it. There will be a bed race on the frozen Rideau Canal which runs through much of downtown Ottawa, close to the Parliament Buildings and huge new shopping malls. Beds supported on steel runners are pushed by 4-man teams along the ice of the canal. A fifth team member sits up on the bed urging his teammates on.

Spectators on skates on the canal and lining the banks of the raceway cheer on the bed-pushing skaters.

The Rideau Canal is frozen — Mother Nature co-operating, that is — for five miles (8 kilometres) making the canal the longest skating surface on the continent. Tens of thousands use it every day, and at noon hour you are likely to be skating alongside some foreign diplomat, an Ottawa civil servant or a group of school children.

In some places in downtown Ottawa the skaters slide on their way to live music, or there will be skating races, even horse harness racing.

During Winterlude, ice sculpture exhibits line park areas and fill sidestreets downtown. There is speed skating and barrel jumping on skates, adult and pee-wee hockey team contests, figure skating, and a 100-mile (60-km) ski marathon which ends on the Rideau Canal.

In Quebec City the largest of Canada's winter festivals gets under way the first two weeks of February for 11 days. Bonhomme Carnaval is a time when the citizens of Quebec and thousands of visitors from Ontario and the nearby United States come for a good time.

Quebec's winter festival is symbolized by white-suited, red-sashed, 7-foot tall Bonhomme Carnaval, a costumed entertainer who is everywhere, leading parades, greeting visitors, judging competitions and leading costume balls in the famous Chateau Frontenac Hotel.

There are ski contests on the hilly streets of Canada's oldest city, skating on the rinks of Dufferin Terrace high above the St. Lawrence River, toboggan races down the steep, iced runs from close by the old fortifications to Dufferin Terrace.

Highlight of the festival is the canoe race across the ice-filled fast-flowing St. Lawrence, a mile wide here, from Quebec City to Levis on the south shore and return. These are not birch bark canoes, but 10-man rowboats, with the men pulling through the bits of open water, then jumping out on an ice pan to pull their boat across and into the next bit of open water.

It is usually cold — bitterly cold as this travel reporter knows from many Quebec City winters — with a chilling wind blowing from the river. But tens of thousands line Dufferin Terrace or the waterfront to watch the race. Dress very warmly.

At Niagara Falls the Festival of Lights lasts from late November to mid-February. The famous falls, whether openly cascading over the escarpment or frozen solid, are illuminated every evening with colored spotlights.

There are many events including fireworks, Ice Follies on Jan. 5, a Festival of Country Music starting Jan. 26, an oldtimers hockey tournament Jan. 18 to 20, as well as a Miss Teen Niagara Pageant and Winter Ball Jan. 26.

Car races on the lake ice are featured at the Winter Carnival at Minden, Ont., Jan. 25 to 27, with curling bonspiels, figure skating contests, hockey games and other events.

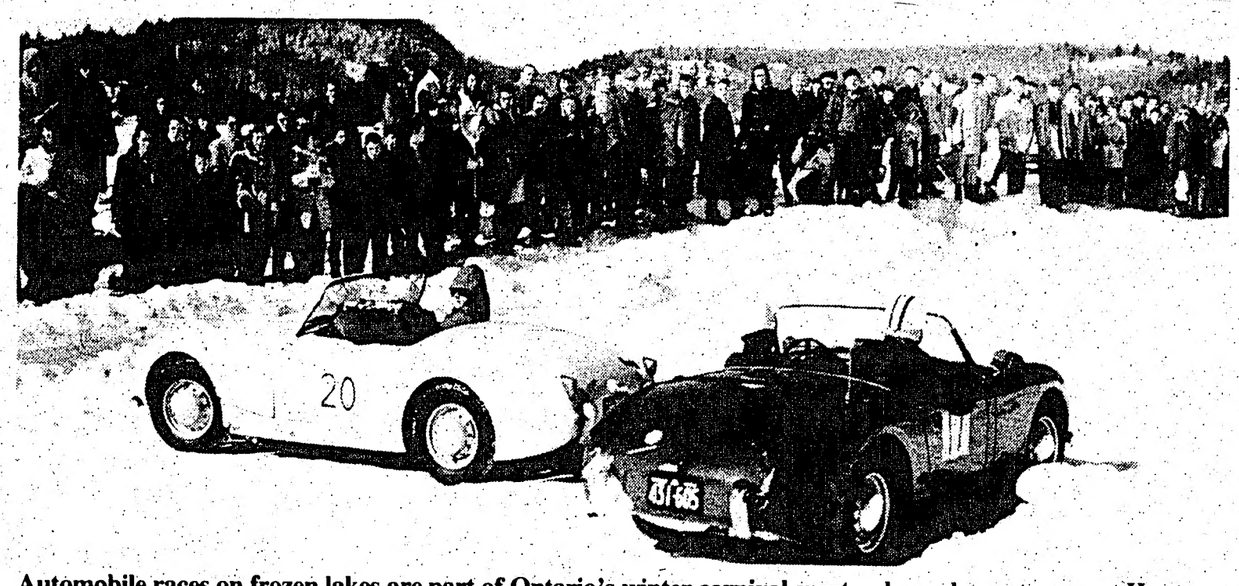
Traditional Scottish New Year festivities will be staged at Doon Pioneer Village near Kitchener, on Dec. 28; at Dundurn Castle at Hamilton on Dec. 29 and on Jan. 1 at Hutchison House in Peterborough.

Winter carnivals will be held at many places in Ontario during January and February.

At Sault Ste. Marie there will be snowshoe golf, dog sled and snowmobile races, a polar bear swim and hockey games Feb. 1 to 10.

The Muskoka Winter Carnival at Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Huntsville is from Feb. 6 to 10 with motorcycle races on the lake ice, outdoor dances, snowmobile races, and plenty of food.

Sudbury's Snowflake Festival is on Feb. 15 to 17 with ice fishing contests and cross country skiing.



Automobile races on frozen lakes are part of Ontario's winter carnival sports, shown here at a recent Huntsville carnival.

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This city's nearly 330 days of sunshine a year make it one of North America's most desirable holiday spots. About 37,000 people actually live here, but on busy winter weekends, there have been more than 100,000 in the city and its environs. Annually, this "playground of the stars" attracts more than 2 million visitors.

And no wonder. The average yearly temperatures range from a daytime high of 88 degrees F (31 C) to a nighttime low of 55 F (13 C). The air is clear and dry, and the sky is a marvelous blue and the glistening swimming pools are irresistible — a perfect setting to allow you to put those pressures of life on hold for a while.

A year-round tan is easy to achieve. What many people do here is lie by the pool for hours, moving only to get an even tan and to jump in the water to cool off occasionally. But for the more active, besides golf and tennis, there are miles of jogging and bicycle paths throughout Palm Springs and scenic journeys through rugged desert canyons for hikers and horseback riders.

Speaking of golf, this place is justifiably called "Golf Capital of the World." Forty courses, most of them tournament stature, lie within a 20-mile radius of the city. The Bob Hope Desert Classic and the Nabisco-Dinah Shore Championship are only two of the more than 100 tournaments held here every year.

But tennis draws as many people to Palm Springs as golf. There are nationally televised tournaments played on some of the more than 300 courts. There are public and hotel courts, many lighted for night playing.

Sightseeing tours are available on air-conditioned buses to 60 Hollywood celebrities' homes and the Palm Springs Desert Museum, a fascinating art and natural sciences complex. As well, the visitor can book day trips to the Salton Sea, a unique "beach in the desert," and the Joshua Tree National Monument, an 870-square mile park where numerous varieties of flora abound.

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For excursions further afield, Palm Springs is only a few hours from Los Angeles, Disneyland, San Diego, the Colorado River for boating and Big Bear for skiing.

Then there's the Palm Springs aerial tramway, the world's largest single lift span, taking passengers some 8,500 feet to the summit of nearby Mount San Jacinto where temperatures in summer are often 40 degrees cooler than in Palm Springs. In winter, this popular facility brings visitors to snow sports where they can take a break from poolside tanning with rented cross-country skis.

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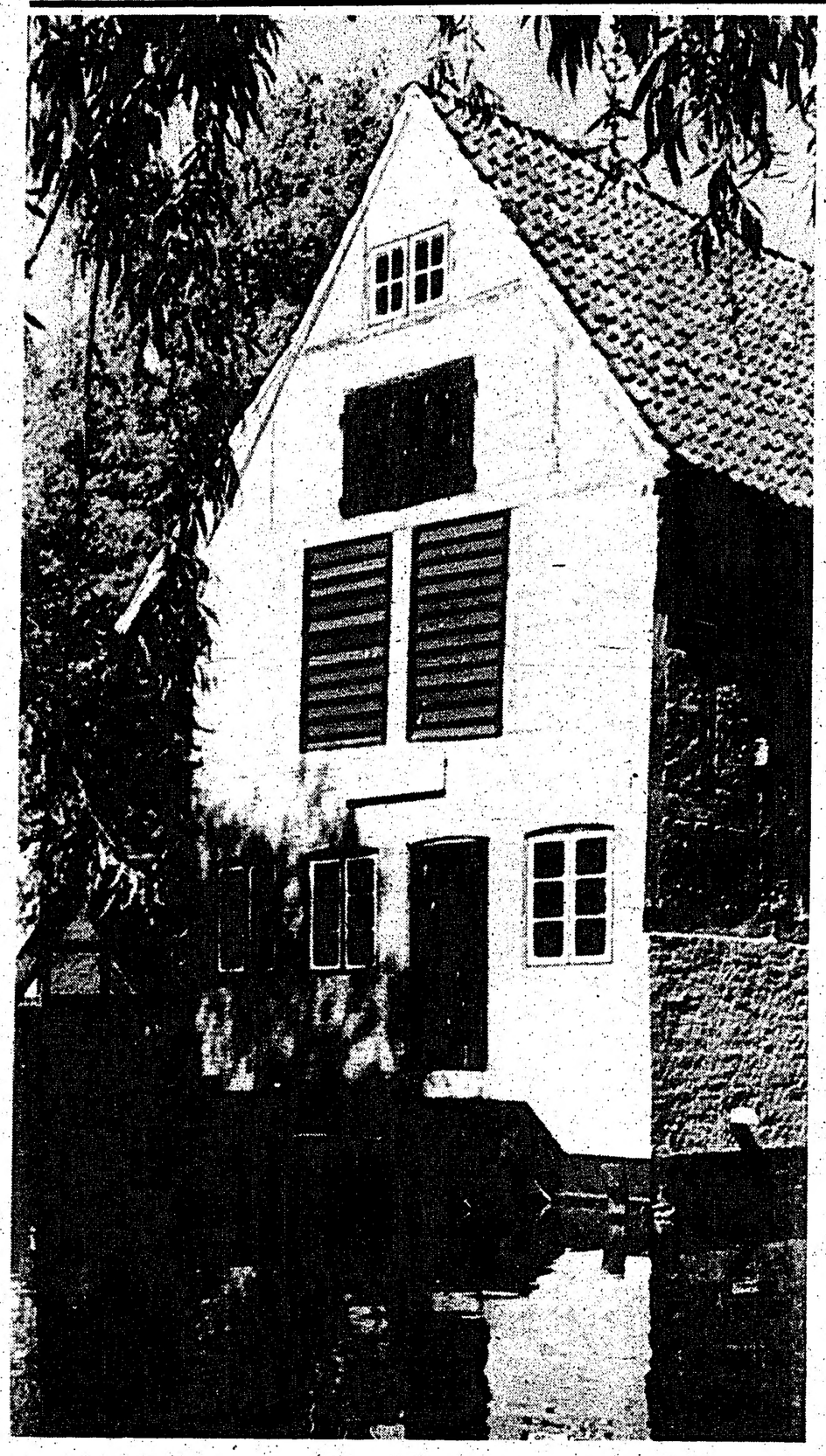

A Renaissance-style building in Arhus' Old Town museum.

Wonders of Danish open-air museum

Arhus' Old Town delights

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

ARHUS, Denmark — Arhus may be Denmark's second largest city, but most foreigners have never heard of it.

When they think of Denmark, they usually conjure up images of Copenhagen, the lively capital, or of Odense, the birth place of Hans Christian Andersen.

Unsung though it may be, Arhus is well worth a visit.

A thriving port with a long history, Arhus is probably best known for its premiere attraction — the Old Town open-air museum of national architecture. Founded in 1914, it is truly a sight to behold.

Consisting of 60 half-timbered houses from every corner of this pastoral country, the idea behind the Old Town is to show Danes how a typical Danish village looked before the advent of industrialization.

The brainchild of a teacher named Peter Holm, the Old Town is nothing if not a labor of love. Beam by beam, brick by brick, the houses of Danes long since dead were brought to Arhus and carefully rebuilt.

Inspired by Renaissance concepts of design, the buildings here are typically Scandinavian, with their deeply pitched roofs and their soft pastel colors.

The centrepiece, undoubtedly, is the mayor's residence. Nearly 400 years old, this building has a collection of period furniture which you can enjoy immensely.

Old Town's oldest structure was erected in 1571, and in it you'll find an utterly charming 18th century pharmacy, complete with bottles, test tubes, herbal potions and various pharmaceutical bric-a-brac.

In another building, you can buy Danish souvenirs ranging from textiles to ceramics. And in the bakery, you can purchase freshly-baked cookies common to the 18th century.

Next to a pond with water lillies, on a knoll, stands a yellow custom house which would have been found in any small town or village at least 200 years ago.

Open the whole year round, the Old Town gives a visitor, particularly a North American, a better appreciation of how northern European societies have evolved since the Renaissance era. In this respect, it is a beneficial educational experience.

Not far from Arhus is Denmark's lake district, with its lovely rolling hills, forests, ponds, lakes and farms.

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Weider visits both branches

Toronto JCCs honor bodybuilders' benefactor

sports scene

Co-ordinated By PAUL LUNGEN

Back on Nov. 19, JCC president Martin Mendelow was beaming a broad smile that clearly wasn't developed for the photographers present.

He had plenty of reasons to be happy. That day marked the official opening of the Ben Weider Weight Rooms at both the northern and Bloor branches of the JCC. And on hand to be honored by the JCC was the benefactor himself — Ben Weider.

Weider, who makes his home in Montreal, recently donated $100,000 in top of the line body building equipment to the JCCs, and in thanks the JCCs honored him by presenting him with a plaque and their thanks for helping make theirs first-rate bodybuilding facilities.

Since the Weider equipment was installed, the weightrooms at both branches have become much more popular, Marilyn Seligman, a JCC publicist, states, and pressure has been taken off the very popular nautilus room at the northern branch.

Those people hoping to build the body beautiful can do so knowing Weider made sure there would be proper supervision and a handsome facility to go along with the equipment.

Weider himself visited both branches, perhaps one of the few times someone nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize — for contributing to peace through international sport — had done so.

Weider is also president of the International Federation of Bodybuilders, an organization located in 122 countries around the world.

Bodybuilder Mohammed Makkawy was there to pose for the crowd and show what pumping iron can do, and Martin Mendelow, an avid weightlifter himself, helped six others demonstrate how the equipment is used.

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A true story of a die-hard Leaf fan. Only the name has been changed to protect the embarrassed.

One of the people in The CJN office asked me recently: "Paul, how'd the Leafs do last night?"

"You don't want to know, Mike."

"No, really. How'd they do?"

"They lost, 7-1."

His eyes lit up. "That's not too bad," he said.

"Whadya mean that's not too bad. They lost by six goals," I replied.

"Yeah, but it could have been a lot worse."

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Israeli tennis enthusiasts have been anticipating the match-up for some time: Shlomo Glickstein, the experienced, established veteran versus Shahar Perkis, the up and coming star.

When the two finally met recently to determine the 1984-85 Israeli men's champion, the result wasn't the tight, even match everyone anticipated — it was a slaughter.

Glickstein handed Perkis a lesson in tennis as he manhandled the challenger 6-0, 6-2 in the final of the Israel Tennis Association championships at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre.

The victory marked the 8th time Glickstein has captured the championship.

In other matches, Steve Rosenberg and Menashe Tsur won the doubles by defeating Doron Ben-Ami and Oren Motlawasser 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Glickstein put on black lists

Following the matches, Glickstein, Perkis and Amos Mansdorf entered the $300,000 Altech South African Open.

During the past four years, Glickstein has appeared regularly on black lists prepared by the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee and the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid, proscribing sportsmen who compete in South Africa.

Glickstein's reply has been: "I go to South Africa to play tennis and do not believe in mixing politics and sport."

Shlomo Glickstein

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In real hockey action up to Nov. 25, the B'nai B'rith Hockey League saw a number of star peformances.

In Division A, Canyon Satelites and Toronto Freedom Lodge Team Mates played to a 3-3 tie. I. Rosen scored the tieing goal for the Satelites, his second of the game, with 1:43 left on the clock.

Forestdale Big Steel got by Canyon Brokers 5-1, with R. Samuels scoring the hat trick. TFL Whalers defeated LM Hawks 3-1, as B. Polsuns notched up 1 goal and 1 assist.

In Division B action Maccabiah Red Wings blasted the Upper Canada Bruins 10-zip. L. Rothman got the shutout while J. Schachter and B. Berger paced the Wings with 3 goals and 2 assists each.

In other games, TFL Blue Notes blanked Don Mills Wasters 3-0, with R. Waltman registering the shutout. TFL Beaver Canoes edged Forestdale Flyers 6-5 as A. Lester notched the winner with 2:36 left. B. Alexandroff got the hat for the Canoes while J. Zoltak got four goals in a losing effort.

In C Division play, K. Berger scored the winning goal in a 3-1 victory by Canyon Panthers over Forestdale Blades. Manor Metro Angels thumped Don Mills Pucks 7-0 with J. Klerer getting the shutout. M. Allen led the Angels with 3 goals and 1 assist.

In other action TFL Flyers handled LM Brewers 5-1 as J. Zeidel got the winner, Maccabiah Candles got two goals from B. Sherkin to beat Canyon Crush 4-1 and TFL Refiners defeated Maccabiah Candles 3-1 with H. Shapiro notching the winner.

Manor Metro Angels and Maccabiah Nice Guys were all even at 3 as J. Cohen tied it up with 2:08 left to play. N. Snoskowitz had two goals for the Angels.

In what was certainly not a battle of goaltenders, Maccabiah Weiss Guys doubled LM Brewers 8-4. D. Weiner had three for the Angels, S. Weiss popped in two and S. Muchnik had 2 goals and 3 assists. M. Shiff and A. Borenstein each got 2 goals in a losing effort.

In a tighter checking game, Forestdale Blades and TFL Ice Busters tied 1-1, with J. Flemming of the Ice Busters getting the tying goal.

In other cliffhangers, L. Freedman scored with 1:52 left as Maccabiah Nice Guys came back to tie North York Habs 4-4, and in an even more heroic effort, S. Teperman scored with only 21 seconds left to give Maccabiah Weiss Guys a 4-3 win over DM Princes. C. Corman had two goals for the losers.

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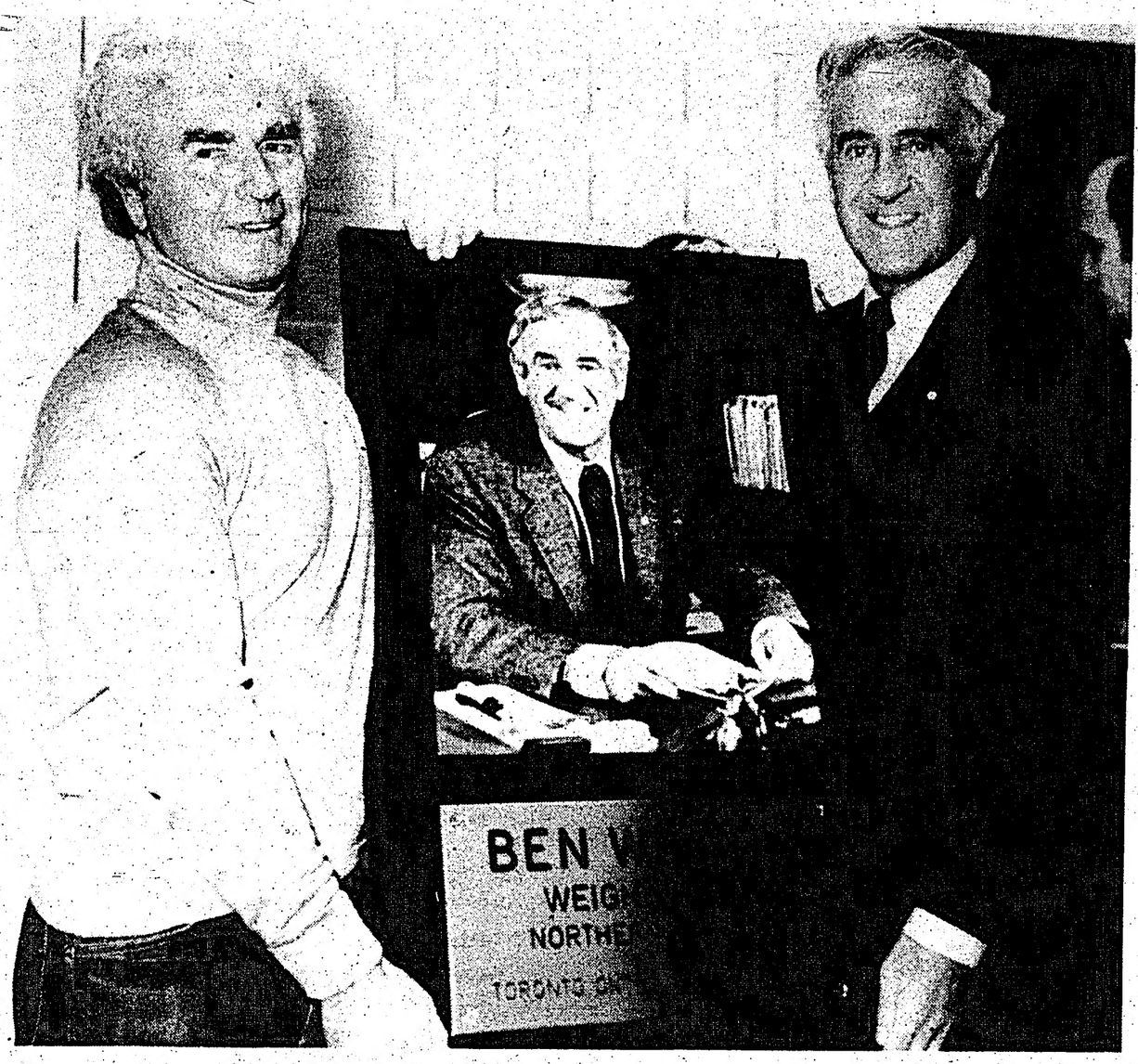
In celebration of Chanukah, Maccabi Ontario and the Jewish Community Centre are sponsoring the 8th Annual Chanukah Run on Sunday, Dec. 9.

A torch will be lit at the start of the run and will be carried throughout. The Toronto run is just part of a cross country program — that's across Canada, not just up hill and down vale — which will see communities in Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver participate, according to Sid Greenberg, Ontario regional chairman of Maccabi Canada.

Runners can chose among four different distances — 16.4 kms, 8.4 kms, 5.6 kms and 3.2 kms — and wind it all up with a brunch upon returning to the JCC.

For more information, phone 636-1880, ext. 235.



Ben Weider, right, was on hand recently when JCC president Martin Mendelow unveiled a plaque with his photo that will adorn a wall of the Ben Weider Weight Rooms at the northern and Bloor branches of the Jewish Community Centre.

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Firms' charges differ

If monthly payments use up more than 20% of a person's net income, not including mortgage costs, it's time to be wary of incurring any further debts, say experts with the Ontario ministry of consumer and commercial relations (MCCR).

Failure to pay can bring debt collectors to the door, lead to repossession of merchandise and ruin personal credit ratings.

Wisely handled, credit is a convenient and useful tool. It can help meet expenses in emergencies by allowing consumers to borrow against future income.

When applying for credit, shop around for the best deal. Service charges, interest rates and many other costs can differ from one lending institution to the other.

This is particularly true today with growing competition in the industry. More than half a percentage difference in rates can raise or lower monthly payments significantly.

To calculate credit ratings for potential customers, loan officers look at a variety of characteristics including occupation, stability of employment, assets and how debts have been handled in the past.

Financial firms obtain reports on applicants from agencies that keep detailed records of past credit transactions.

By making payments on time and fulfilling all contract obligations, borrowers can maintain good credit records that will be of benefit in future applications for loans.

Under the Consumer Reporting Act, Ontario residents have the right to review their own credit records and have any proven errors corrected.

If a request for a loan is turned down by one firm, ask elsewhere. Companies often use different methods of assessing customers.

Frequent job changes, heavy debts and lack of assets or disposable income can all be reasons for being refused credit. It can also be difficult for part-time or seasonal workers to get substantial loans.

Get an explanation for the refusal: it may provide hints on how to improve future chances of getting credit. Don't be afraid to go back to a firm that previously turned down a loan.

Lending practices can vary with the state of the economy and applications rejected one month, may later be approved. The individual's financial circumstances may also have improved.

Access to credit is a privilege that must be earned, but everyone has the right to be judged by the same standards, regardless of sex or marital status.

If discrimination is suspected, talk to the senior credit officer of the agency involved. Contact a local consumer advisory service bureau of MCCR if a satisfactory explanation is still not given.

Although financial institutions do refuse credit to some applicants, they are in the business of lending money. Under certain economic conditions, they may even try to "sell" more credit. Don't be pressured into borrowing more money than is absolutely necessary or than you can comfortably afford.

Once a contract is drawn up, be sure to read and understand every section. All costs of borrowing must be set out fully in writing. A blank contract, like a blank cheque, should never be signed.

Pay bills promptly. If difficulties arise, contact the lender to arrange special terms before the payment is due.

Interest charges can be avoided for purchases made on many credit cards if payments are submitted within a specified time.

The consumer ministry has published three brochures containing information on credit, including The Consumer Reporting Act, The Facts About Credit and You, and The Consumer Protection Act.

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Multicultural policy gives Yuzyk hope

OTTAWA —

Manitoba Senator Paul Yuzyk says he is confident that the Mulroney government is showing that it plans to establish a new direction for the development of multiculturalism.

Speaking in the Senate recently during the debate on the Speech from the Throne, Yuzyk said there are several persons of non-British and non-French origins holding important cabinet posts in the new government.

Quoting the Throne Speech, Yuzyk said Ottawa has committed itself to cooperation with the provinces "in supporting official language minorities and in fostering the rich multicultural character of Canada."

He said that Jack Murta, minister of state for multiculturalism, has stated he will be guided by the recommendations of the Conference on Multiculturalism held last June in Toronto in which some 500 delegates representing most of Canada's over 70 ethnocultural groups participated actively. At that conference, Brian Mulroney, then leader of the Opposition, said that "multiculturalism is part of what it means to be a Canadian."

Yuzyk said Murta told the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals in Toronto in a recent address that "multiculturalism means that no Canadian will be relegated to the status of a second-class citizen."

The Manitoba senator said Murta told the Chinese Canadians that the government intends to pursue the following initiatives:

- Convene a federal-provincial conference in the near future to achieve national understanding and agreement for the implementation of its multicultural policy.
- Consider and implement the recommendations of the Parliamentary Task Force on Visable Minorities.
- Redress past injustices to ethnocultural communities such as the Japanese Canadians who suffered during the last war.
- Set up an internal committee to sensitize all government departments to multicultural concerns.
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Yuzyk told his fellow senators that he hopes and believes "Canadians will cooperate in this broad program to develop a sensitive, compassionate and just society to make Canada a better place for all her citizens."

Toronto boosts efforts against drunk driving

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Following up on a request by Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, the city of Toronto has launched an all-out blitz against drunk drivers.

Along with other municipal, law enforcement and health officials, Mayor Art Eggleton kicked off the city's Steer Clear program here recently. It is aimed specifically at Toronto's teenagers, who account for 150 traffic deaths in Ontario each year, many as a result of drinking and driving.

Toronto's efforts at combating drunk driving coincide with Justice Minister John Crosbie's recent promise to enact legislation before Christmas that would set a maximum 14-year jail sentence and 10-year license suspension for impaired drivers who cause death.

The provincial government is also involved. Apart from asking municipalities to set up programs which aim at reducing drinking and driving, Ontario has commissioned a $110,000 movie about a budding teenage model from Toronto, Wendy Crawford, who was rammed in her car by a drunk driver. Several vertebrae in her neck were smashed and today, – she is a wheelchair-bound quadriplegic.

"The consequences of drinking and driving are staggeringly clear," Eggleton told a press conference, attended by about 20 high school representatives.

This is the symbol of the current Toronto campaign against drunk driving.

"We have to continue convincing teenagers to 'Steer Clear.' "

The mayor and Metro Toronto Police Chief Jack Marks had some sobering statistics: Drivers aged 16 and 17, for example, are 165 times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident than an adult, and drinking plays a major role.

- Traffic deaths are the greatest cause of death among people aged 15 to 19.
- In Canada, 40% of all drivers killed are between 15 and 24.
- In Ontario, alcohol is cited in the deaths of two people and 81 motor vehicle accidents every day.

And since 1971, one-sixth of all drivers in Canada (about 2 million people) have been convicted of impaired driving.

The Steer Clear program consists mainly of conveying this information to teenagers through advertising, media coverage and working directly with student representatives.

Last week, the city invited 200 high school students from across Toronto to participate in an all-day think tank at City Hall on how to reduce drunk driving.

A person is legally impaired, Chief Marks said, if blood/alcohol level is .08 or higher, which is less than three drinks for the average sized person. There is now pressure to lower the legal level to .05, or less than two drinks.

He added that alcohol is the most used drug among teenagers today and that alcohol-related diseases have tripled since 1950.

The message against drunk driving however, must be getting through, Marks told The Canadian Jewish News, because alcohol-related traffic accidents are down so far in 1984 by 600 over last year.

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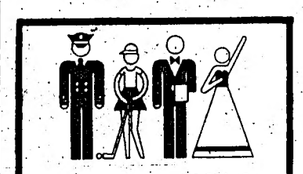

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By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

When provincial treasurer Larry Grossman announced Ontario's 1984 budget (CJN May 31), placed among the high profile youth training initiatives and OHIP fee hike was a largely unnoticed provision to allocate $4 million towards a computer literacy program.

Last week Grossman and Susan Fish, minister of citizenship and culture, jointly announced the inauguration of a "computers and children program" before a crowd of about 100 community workers and children at the Central Neighborhood House in downtown Toronto.

Also participating in the opening celebrations and computer program were eight community computer centres in Ontario — in Chatham, Cornwall Island, London, Sudbury and elsewhere — connected by audio teleconference to Toronto.

"We wanted to provide computers for children to give them access to the new technology so no group in our society gets left behind," Grossman stated.

It was a question of "democratizing the technology so it would not remain the sole preserve of those who can go out and buy one (a computer) for their own home," he added.

Under the program, approximately 4,000 microcomputers will be placed in 230 community centres across the province and be administered through the ministry of citizenship and culture.

Children, their parents and small businesses will have access to the machines, which will be housed in existing non-profit community organizations such as libraries, museums, art galleries, and Native, multicultural and service groups' centres.

Up to 15 microcomputers, color monitors and software packages will be placed in each centre.

Private sector fund raising will finance each centre's ongoing operations," Fish said. And ministry coordinators will help train local volunteers in the proper operation of the computers.

Besides helping young people, the program will provide incentives for Canadian computer development, improve language instruction for newcomers, give parents a chance to learn the new technology and allow seniors to get involved with young people in learning about microcomputers, Fish stated.

The program, the first of its kind in Ontario, has attracted international attention. Children's educators in the United States and Scotland have expressed interest in studying the program, according to Fish.

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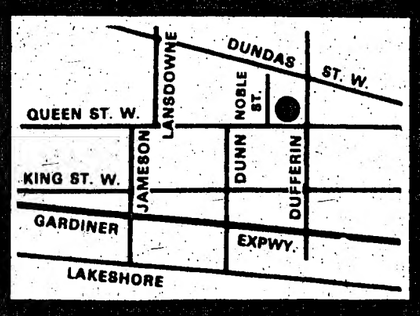
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